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Opening Keynote 'Creating the Magic'

Larry Berry, CMP, Wizardry Enterprises, LLC

Not all experiences we have with our teams or customers will be magical. Handling guest and team challenges is not about what you said or did, but how you make others feel in the end. How does creating magic with your team transfer to creating magic with customers and guests? We have all heard the saying "the customer is number 1." I believe in treating your team members as number 1 and, if you do, they will in turn treat your guests and customers as number 1. How will empowerment and ensuring your team members are ready to handle life's challenges make you and your operation more successful and stronger? What tools can you use to make a good guest experience a magical experience? Having worked for Walt Disney Company, known for exceptional guest service, I will share the importance of training others to handle guest challenges. Through this interactive and informative program, we will help you create the magic within your team and for your organization while removing some of the fear when these opportunities are presented.

3:30 - 5:30 PM TRADE SHOW

GOLD/OLYMPIC

4:30 - 5:20 PM SESSION

WSDA Fair Commission DESIGN ROOM

Come learn about proposed changes to the WSDA Fair Program, including evaluations and what the Fairs Commissioners will be focusing on next year.

5:45 - 6:15 PM No Host Social in Hallway

Doors open for Dinner 6:15 PM

BRONZE/SILVER

President's Welcome - Andrea Thayer, CFE, WSFA President Introduction of WSFA Directors

Silent Auction - Don't forget to bid on the Silent Auction items!

9:00 PM

Entertainment Showcases

Kittv Mae. CASCADE COUNTRY Circus Luminescenes, THE SOURCE MANAGEMENT GROUP Great American Trainwreck, CASCADE COUNTRY

The Boondock Boys, MASON ENTERTAINMENT

WSFA President's Reception HOSPITALITY SUITE #2311

Friday, October 21, 2022 DAY 2

Registration Desk Opens FOREST FOYER/REGISTRATION FOYER **8:00** AM

8:15 - 9:10 AM IDEA SWAP SESSIONS #1

FAIRS, PLEASE BRING SAMPLES OR BE PREPARED TO SHARE HOW YOUR FAIR HANDLED THE PARTICULAR TOPIC.

Session 1 – Emergency Planning

PINE ROOM Moderator - Erin Gurtel, IFMG, Director Spokane County Interstate Fair and WSFA Immediate Past President

Session 2 - Unique Gate Promotions OAK ROOM Moderator - Amy DeShazer, Finance Director, Clark County Fair

Session 3 - State Grant Projects SPRUCE ROOM

Moderator - Belinda Royal, Manager, Stanwood Camano Community Fair Session 4 - Sharing Marketing Campaign Ideas **DESIGN ROOM**

Moderator - Tawnia Linde, Director of Marketing & Sponsorship,

Clark County Fair, and WSFA Director Session 5 - Onsite Contests / Beer Gardens PROJECT ROOM

Moderator - Aric Gaither, Manager, Skagit County Fair

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Thursday, October 20, 2022 DAY 1

10:00 AM Registration Desk Opens FOREST FOYER/REGISTRATION FOYER

10:00 AM-2:00 PM Turn in Contest Entries

11:00 AM Trade Show Set-up

GOLD/OLYMPIC

11:15 AM A Session with the State Vet's Office

DESIGN ROOM

Join us for an interactive session and update with the State Veterinarian. Animal Health program updates.

Dr. Amber Itle, Interim WA State Veterinarian, WSDA

12:30 PM SESSION

1: Convention First Timers Session

PROJECT ROOM

Do not miss the First Timers Welcome! This session is designed to provide first-time attendees with an overview of the WSFA Annual Convention and how to get the most out of your time while attending sessions.

Carolyn Morley, Manager NCW Fair and WSFA Director

2: Fair Managers' Session

DESIGN ROOM

Moderator James McKiernan, Director,

Grant County Fair & Fairgrounds

This session is designed for Fair Managers/CEOs/Executive Directors whether you are paid, volunteer, appointed or a Fair board member who serves in the function of a fair manager. The moderator will lead the group through a candid conversation on topics that can be complex or difficult to navigate for leaders.

1:00 PM **Service Members Meeting**

Sunny Saunders, WSFA Service Member Director & Sunny Jack Events This meeting is for service members.

Opening Session of the WSFA Convention 2:00 PM

BRONZE/SILVER

Welcome – Andrea Thayer, CFE, WSFA President National Anthem

Invocation - Paul Nimmo, Fair Commissioner & WSFA Past President **Committee Reports**



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9:20 - 10:10 AM A SERVICE MEMBER SESSION

'Level Up Your Show'

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– a workshop for service members by Louie Foxx

Don't waste another summer grinding it out, doing the exact same thing over and over again, hoping for your show to get better. This summer, actually become a better performer! Louie Foxx, a twotime Guinness World Record Holder who has appeared on numerous national TV shows, shares his process for creating material, improving material and tightening up the show as a whole! In this workshop, Louie shares his secret sauce of 6 Rs to levelling up your show and doing it quickly! Each R is a word that corresponds to a simple task you can do to incrementally improve your show. This isn't just for variety acts; it doesn't matter if you're a solo singer, a drummer in a six-piece band, or even the diaper derby host, you can and should always be trying to make your show better!

9:20 - 10:10 AM IDEA SWAP SESSIONS #2

FAIRS, PLEASE BRING SAMPLES OR BE PREPARED TO SHARE HOW YOUR FAIR HANDLED THE PARTICULAR TOPIC.

Session 1 - Emergency Planning

PINE ROOM

Moderator - Kevin Plambeck, Vice President Stanwood Camano Community Fair

Session 2 - Unique Gate Promotions

OAK ROOM

Moderator - Amy DeShazer, Finance Director, Clark County Fair

Session 3 - State Grant Projects

Moderator - Rebecca Martinez, Fairgrounds Coordinator Grant County Fair and WSFA Director

Session 4 – Sharing Marketing Campaign Ideas

DESIGN ROOM Moderator - Carolyn Morley, Manager NCW Fair and WSFA Director

Session 5 - Onsite Contests / Beer Gardens

PROJECT ROOM

Moderators - Peggy Watson, Attractions Coordinator,

Washington State Fair

Jennifer Schnelbert, Livestock Competitions Coordinator,

Washington State Fair

10:10 - 11:50 AM KEYNOTE SESSION - IAFE Keynote Speaker 'Finding the Leader in You' BRONZE/SILVER

Larry Berry, CMP, Wizardry Enterprises, LLC

Nothing is more critical to the success of an operation than great leadership. The goal of this program is to help others discover leadership traits within themselves, as well as identifying effective leadership styles for success. This interactive workshop defines 13 leadership characteristics critical to successful leaders, and how each one plays a part in being the best leader you can be. How does great leadership influence the success of operations and what is the difference between a manager and a leader? Through an interactive exercise developed by Larry and a professor at North Carolina State University specifically for this presentation. we will help you identify your leadership style and those traits essential to great leadership. Leadership is not a born trait, as some would think; rather, it follows learned behaviors from childhood through live experiences with those you emulate. By the end of the presentation, you will have found the leader in you.

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12:15 - 2:15 PM Legislative Lunch

Andrea Thayer, CFE, WSFA President

WSFA Director and WSFA Legislative Chair Tawnia Linde WSFA and Olympia - Mike Burgess, Government Liaison

Introductions of Legislators

Introduction of WA State Fairs Commissioners

Introduction of Ron Sakke, Director, Washington Farm Bureau

Silent Auction - Don't forget to bid on the Silent Auction items!

Entertainment Showcases

JuggleMania, Rhys Thomas, SUNNYJACK EVENTS Louie Foxx, MASON ENTERTAINMENT

The Marsh Family Band, SUNNYJACK EVENTS Legends of the Pioneers, Marty Davis

2:30 - 5:00 PM Trade Show/No Host Social Hour GOLD/OLYMPIC

5:45 - 6:15 PM No Host Social in Hallway **6:15** PM **Doors open for Dinner**

BRONZE/SILVER

Costume Contest - Game On!

Candidate Speeches

Lifetime Achievement Award

Service Member of the Year Award – presented by

Sunny Saunders, WSFA Director, Sunny Jack Events

Live Auction

Entertainment Showcases

Catherine Loyer and Strawberry Roan, LIZ GREGORY Lions of the North, MASON ENTERTAINMENT Arena Rock Gold, THE SOURCE MANAGEMENT GROUP

Hospitality Rooms Open

10:00 PM "Jam" Session

Saturday, October 22, 2022

8:00 AM Registration Desk Opens

FOREST FOYER/REGISTRATION FOYER

9:00 - 9:50 AM SESSION

1. WSDA Fair Commission Q & A

PINE ROOM

The Fairs Commission and program staff will be on hand to take your questions, hear your comments and learn about your successes.

2. Giving Back to Your Community

OAK ROOM

Shanna Hauger – Marketing, Operations & Special Events, Benton-Franklin Fair Team

3. A Panel Discussion of the Year-Around **Use of our Fairgrounds**

PROJECT ROOM

René Popke – General Manager, Enumclaw Expo & Event Center Erin Gurtel, IFMG - Director, Spokane County Interstate Fair

and WSFA Immediate Past President

Think outside the box and create venue space that becomes sellable year-round. From youth athletics to kids' birthday parties, if you have available space and you manage the schedule – it is rentable! Take away some ideas that may work for your venue!

> SUPER SATURDAY SUPER SCHOOL SESSION **DESIGN ROOM** Finding the Next Generation of Superintendents/ **Volunteers for your Exhibits Departments**

Judy Carrico, CFE Agricultural & Exhibits Manager, CWSF Most fairs rely on the same individuals each year to help put on

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OAK ROOM

Fair. From volunteers to paid staff, many have been in their positions for years. Learn how Fairs are handling the process from retirement notification to recruitment and hiring.

10:00 - 10:50 AM SESSION

1. Learning From Your Mistakes Craig Cooke, Pacific Rim Talent

in relation to the neighbors.

PINE ROOM

As event organizers, we all make mistakes. Look at these mistakes as opportunities to learn a better way. Craig will share some of his blunders and then discuss the lessons learned and the remedies moving forward. Blunders include: correct placement of vendor booths as they pertain to water drainage, fire lanes, power lines and facing the sun; handling signature gatherers, service animals and public nuisances; placement of port-a-potties and generators

2. Jr. Grange Competitions – How did it go?

Moderator – Roylene Crawford, Director, Kittitas County Fair,

and WSFA Vice President

Ann Whitehall, Livestock Committee Chair, NCW Fair Jason Young, Director of Operations, Clark County Fair Bob Eddings, Vice President & Swine Director, Kittitas County Fair Our panelists will share their successes and learning moments with the new Jr. Grange programs offered at their fairs this year. They will tackle such questions as "How did you get started? How was it received by exhibitors? What were your biggest takeaways? How did it compare in participation to other youth competitions?"

3. Understanding Your Fairs' Numbers for Dummies and Why This Information is Important

PROJECT ROOM

Kathy Kramer, CVE, CFEE and CMP

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President and CEO, Central Washington State Fair

We all love bragging about our Fairs' attendance numbers, and these numbers are certainly a "feel-good" and sense of accomplishment for everyone involved, but these are not the numbers you take to the bank. Your gate attendance is the baseline that will help you analyze the Fair performance in all areas and build for the future. This session will show you how to start with the basics around understanding revenue and expense performance metrics, how to use PER CAPS to analyze performance by revenue categories, and how to use this information to make future business decisions and monitor your performance in all areas.

SUPER SATURDAY SUPER SCHOOL SESSION

Training Methods, Team Development
and Leadership Styles – Disney Movies & BSA
Taught Me Everything I Needed to Know to Succeed

Jessie McLaughlin, Fair Coordinator, Spokane County Interstate Fair EDGE, Team Development and Leadership Styles. Sound familiar? If so, you may have been through Boy Scouts of America training somewhere along the trail. The beauty of these three philosophies became clear to me when I became a Wood Badge Trainer and I couldn't wait to see them in action ... as in "lights, camera, action!" Yes, Disney movies can entertain us but they can also teach us. Wait, did the writers mean to do that? Together, let's play, revisit some great Disney teaching moments, listen to songs and, yes, play some more while learning about team development, leadership styles and a proven method of teaching others. Hakuna Matata.

11:00 - 11:50 AM SESSION

1. Aligning Your Brand – How the WA State Fair Re-branded

Andrea Thayer, CFE, WSFA President,
and Chief Experience Officer, Washington State Fair

Nearly 10 years ago, The Puyallup Fair embarked on a process that aligned its branding goals and business units under one brand, the Washington State Fair. We will share the process and lessons learned while undergoing our fourth name change over the 120-year history of our Fair.

2. Fair Trends Over the Years and Ideas on Future Trends for the Fair Industry

Greg Stewart, CFE, Fair Commissioner and WSFA Past President
A look at our changing world and what it means for Fairs in the coming years, and identifying those changes for the decision-making process in fair planning.

3. Facilities/Maintenance SPRUCE ROOM
Tom Gaines, Director, Central Services Department, Grant County
Not all facilities are the same. Join Tom and other facility and
maintenance directors to network, identify grant funding, project
management and discuss year-round usage of your grounds.

4. How Social Are You? - Social Media Marketing Essentials

Payton Ryan, The Source Management Group

Dive into the world of social media marketing with a digital native!

And yes, before you ask, having a digital presence IS essential!

We'll be covering everything from platform options, overarching strategy and short-form video all the way to analytic informed content and how to deal with spammers. Each attendee will also receive a FREE social media consultation!

SUPER SATURDAY SUPER SCHOOL SESSION DESIGN ROOM
From Animal Judges to Still Life Judges -

From Animal Judges to Still Life Judges –
Where and how do we get them?
Sherry Stovner, Superintendent Coordinator,

Evergreen State Fair

There are many different places and resources out there to find local and qualified judges! Let's be a resource for one another and share your secrets!

NOON - 2:00 PM Awards Luncheon

BRONZE/SILVER

Introduction of WSFA Past Presidents

Contest Awards — PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ITEMS BEFORE 3:00 PM TODAY

Silent Auction – Don't forget to bid on the Silent Auction items!

Entertainment Showcases

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The Throw Zone, MASON ENTERTAINMENT Leah Justine, CASCADE COUNTRY American Mile, MASON ENTERTAINMENT



2:15 - 3:05 PM SESSION

A Panel on Diversity at our Fairs

FOREST ROOM

Andrea Thayer, CFE, WSFA President,

and Chief Experience Officer, Washington State Fair

Erin Gurtel, IFMG, Immediate Past President WSFA

and Director, Spokane Interstate Fair

Kathy Kramer, CVE, CFEE and CMP

President and CEO, Central Washington State Fair

Erin and Andrea will share ways their fairs are working on connecting with diverse communities through communications, promotions, other fair activities and building a diverse workforce.



3:20 - 4:20 PM SESSION

A Panel on Generational Differences

FOREST ROOM

Facilitators – Andrea Thayer, CFE, WSFA President,

and Chief Experience Officer, Washington State Fair

Carolyn Morley, Manager, NCW Fair and WSFA Director

Team building is tricky enough just dealing with the different personalities. Throwing in generational differences just adds to the complexity. Leaders need to understand an increasingly diverse workforce, and an important part of that diversity is age. We need to understand the different motivators, perspectives and strengths of each generation. Facilitators will lead a panel discussion on their generational experiences and perspectives.

4:30 PM WSFA Annual Business Meeting

DESIGN ROOM

6:00 - 6:30 PM No Host Social in Hallway

6:30 PM Doors open for Dinner

BRONZE/SILVER

President's Fair Family Game Night



Entertainment Showcase – *The Hockey Circus Show* Hospitality Rooms Open

10:00 PM "Jam" Session

Thank you for participating in the 82nd WSFA Convention!



Larry Berry has been a professional speaker and trainer for more than 25 years, providing keynote addresses, education and training. His background includes: manager of the Kissimmee Valley Livestock Show and Osceola County Fair in Kissimmee, Florida; upper-level leadership positions in facilities and property management; leadership for Walt Disney Parks and Resorts; and as a Certified Property Manager with the Institute of Real Estate Management.

He is President of Wizardry Enterprises, LLC, and combines his skills as a presenter with magic and illusion, making his presentations a memorable and informative experience. Larry has addressed such Fortune 500 companies as AT&T, Nations Bank, Walt Disney Companies, VITA Management Group, Thomasville Furniture Industries and Bank of America. He has been a keynote presenter for International Association of fairs and Expos, the National Apartment Association, and hundreds of national and state associations, corporations and management companies.

Larry has a passion for both sharing information and helping others exceed and excel in whatever they do. He was in leadership as well as a trainer for Walt Disney World Parks and Resorts, and his book *Leadership – Finding the Leader in You –* has been sold in 16 countries.

Washington State Fairs Association Lifetime Achievement Award

WSFA's Lifetime Achievement Award is a recognition of service, dedication and commitment contributed to the Washington State Fair Industry. This annual award is presented at the WSFA Convention in October to an individual for distinguished achievement and/or contributions to the Fair Industry.

Prior recipients include:

2021 Kent Hojem

Washington State Fair

2019 John Morrison Clark County Fair

2018 Greg Stewart, CFE

Central Washington State Fair

2017 Kathy Underwood Benton Franklin Fair

2016 Yvonne Knuth Castle Rock Fair

2015 George Clary Benton Franklin Fair

YOUR CALENDAR

MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Friday, March 24, 2023

SUPER SCHOOL MEETING Saturday, March 25, 2023

at

Palouse Empire Fair 322 Fairgrounds Road Colfax, WA 99111

2023 WASHINGTON STATE FAIRS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

October 19 – 21, 2023

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WSFA TRADE SHOW HOURS

Thursday, October 20

3:30-5:30 PM

REFRESHMENTS IN THE TRADE SHOW AREA

Friday, October 21

2:30-5:00 PM

REFRESHMENTS IN THE TRADE SHOW AREA



WSFA PAST PRESIDENTS

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2012 Paul Nimmo 1979 Robert Carlson 2011 Val Watson 1978 Karl Marks* 2010 Jim Baron 1977 Greg Stewart 2009 George Clary* 1976 Jim Hamilton* 2008 Rick Storvick 1975 Bill Heaston 2007 Bob Reynolds 1974 Gust Skarberg* 2006 Yvonne Knuth* 1973 Dean Boss* 1972 Marlyta Deck* 2005 Tom Musser

2004 Mark Campbell 1971 Bill Walck
2003 Danny Jones 1970 Keith Marney*
2002 Rose Waring 1969 James Hanger
2001 E. Lee Graham 1968 Charles Meenach*

2000 Sid Willuweit* 1967 Charles Meenach*
1999 Nancy Ruark 1966 Joseph Smith
1998 Dan Sharp 1965 John McMurray
1997 Kathy Underwood 1964 Charles Clements*
1996 Pat Nostrand 1963 Robert Loney

1995 Kent Hojem 1962 Kenneth Killingsworth*
1994 Ellis Schneider* 1961 James Blair*
1993 Neil Stephens 1960 Paul Creighton*
1992 Daphne Eshom 1959 Donald Clark*
1991 Fred Blauert 1958 Donald Clark*

1990 Max Read

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TABLE DECORATIONS

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Thursday Dinner
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Friday Dinner
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