



## Maberly Agricultural Society Winter 2005-2006 Newsletter

### 2005 IN REVIEW

The past year was one the most successful years in the 123-year history of the Maberly Agricultural Society.

### The Annual Fair

The annual Maberly Fair was the best in decades, drawing a record gate attendance. The parade had full participation of floats. A highland band and dancers from Kemptville took part. Over 20 heritage displays and demonstrations set up. A wide range of farm and country competitions and hall displays made for a great fair. A first-time goat show and even a baby yak were added to the livestock and poultry shows displaying the changing farm scene. Fine weather helped to make it a day of wholesome outdoor fun.

### Fairgrounds Maintenance & Improvements

The fairgrounds again provided community space for family gatherings, youth baseball & social events. The grounds are looked after by a dedicated group of volunteers who came out Thursday mornings over the summer to carry out many jobs needed. Under past-president Bill Kennett's leadership, posts were put up for a large sign at the gate, booth siding was replaced, a new stove & frig installed in the dining hall, ceiling repairs in the heritage building and numerous works projects carried out.

### Social Events

The Agricultural Society organized the following community social events as well as running the fair:

**January** - Annual Ham & Bean Dinner together with the ABC Seniors Euchre

**February** – Slide Show on Egypt & the Pyramids

**April** – Abrams Family Entertainment

**April** – Maberly Maple Festival Pancake Brunch

**May** – Country Market at the fairgrounds together with the Anglican Church

**July** – Annual Pie in the Sky and country market

**August** – the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Maberly Fair

**September** – Mary Cook in Maberly pot luck dinner

**Twice monthly euchre parties** from September through May in the Maberly Hall.



### Sun & Rain Shelter for Bleachers at the Horse Draw

Thank you to the following for donating this fine shelter:  
**Gordon Patterson & Bob Ambler** – for their generous donation of the building materials, time & equipment;  
**Brandon Ritchie & Jarrett Ritchie** for their skilled workmanship in getting it up;  
**Brad Bell & Paul Pospisil** for helping set the posts;  
**Crain's Construction** for donations of gravel & use of heavy equipment  
**Tony French** for engineering design;  
**Marlene Ambler & Linda Ritchie** for bringing the coffee and ice water for the men; and,  
**Bill Kennett** & his work crew for site clean-up.

### Maberly Agricultural Society Website

Thanks to Brian Sutton and Ros Creaser for getting the Maberly Fair on line. Check the website for fair advance lists, prize lists, fair pictures, items of interest about the Maberly Fair, coming events and Society activities.

[www.maberlyagsociety.ca](http://www.maberlyagsociety.ca)

### Thank You

**The Maberly Fair runs because of to the support of the community. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank all the volunteers, donors, businesses, advertisers, news media, --and, of course, the exhibitors and visitors, all who made the fair a success.**

**Your support is appreciated. Thank you.**

**Paul Pospisil, President,  
Maberly Agricultural Society**



## COMING EVENTS in 2006

### \*\*\*\*\*Notice Of Annual General Meeting\*\*\*\*\*

The Annual General Meeting of the Maberly Agricultural Society will be held at 7:30 pm, Monday January 16, at the Maberly Community Hall.

This is when Directors and the executive are elected to the Board of the Agricultural Society for the next year, fees and prize money are set and other policy matters are decided. You can be part of the decision making for this community activity by becoming a member.

New members welcome. Plan on attending.

### Regular Meetings In 2006

Regular monthly meetings are held on the last Monday of the month at 7:30 pm, in the Maberly Community Hall, except in June & July when they are held at the fairgrounds. Regular meetings are not held in August & December.

### Forecast of Events for 2006

#### Euchre

Euchre nights at the Maberly Hall are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Call Doris Ferguson at 264-5446 or Lorraine Fournier at 326-0622 for information. Everyone welcome.

#### Euchre plus Ham & Bean Dinner Day

Sat. February 18 at the Maberly Community Hall  
Euchre 1:30 pm – run by the Anglican Church  
Contact Joan Fleming at 268-2178  
Ham & Bean Dinner 4:00-6:00 pm  
Relax with friends, and someone else cooks dinner!

#### Maberly Maple Festival

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Maberly Maple Festival Pancake Brunch on Saturday April 22 is our spring fair to celebrate the end of the maple syrup season. Enjoy pancakes, topped with that finest of syrup from the sugar bushes around Maberly.

Celebrate the festival of spring the traditional way!

### Fundraising & Canvassing

Starting in March, volunteers will be going door-to-door collecting donations for the Maberly fair.

The fair costs over \$10,000 to run, with costs rising annually. The bulk of this money must be raised from donations and local fundraising events.

*Give generously. Support your local fair.*

### Pie in the Sky

An outdoor event at the Maberly Fairgrounds. Check the sun and sky through a professional telescope under the guidance of astronomer Fred Barrett. Buy fresh, home-baked pies, by the slice or take home a whole pie.

Saturday July 08, 08:30 - noon

### 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Maberly Fair

The Maberly Fair has been running every year since 1882.

This year, the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Maberly Fair will take place at the Maberly Fairgrounds on Saturday August 26. Theme: "Clowns"

Mark your calendar and plan on taking part. Advance Prize List is posted on the website.

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Finalized Prize Books will be available in July

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*Advance Notice*

### 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Maberly Fair August 2007

Do you have any old mementos from fairs of long ago? Pictures, souvenir posters, old prize books? Antique farm machinery? Family stories? These old things from Maberly and District can be displayed at the 125<sup>th</sup> Fair. We'd like to produce a pictorial history of the fair's 125 years as well.

*Would you like to help with organizing the 125<sup>th</sup>?*

Contact: Paul Pospisil, 273-5683

*Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act. Membership is open to any person upon payment of the annual subscription fee (currently \$5.00). Members are volunteers and receive no payment for participation.*

*For membership information, contact the Secretary, Dayle VanAlstine at 268-2291.*