

OUR FOCUS

From the beginning, the Milford Fall Fair has been community-based, with an emphasis on entertainment for children and families. And although faces and events have changed over the years, the focus remains the same – to put together an event where we all gather and enjoy a day together, celebrating our community.

OUR MEMORIES

It's hard to know where to begin – many of you will have your own memories of fairs gone by, even as we look forward to celebrating the Fair's 76th anniversary in 2022.

Some events have disappeared, like the beauty contest, a hit in the 1960's, and the baby contest for which, understandably, the judges were invited from outside the township! Many South Marysburgh residents can claim with pride the title of "best in show", not least among them our last Fair Board chair, Valencia Logan.

Agricultural events always figured prominently at the Fair, as did the Cow Patty Bingo, where a cow was turned out on a field which had been pre-marked with bingo squares. Participants put their money on a chosen square and waited for the cow to pick the winner. Many remember the year when the cow had no wish to co-operate and the winner could not be announced until part-way through the evening show!

Many of us also remember the wonderful puppet shows put on by Judy Cole and the community suppers in the town hall or in the shed at the fairgrounds.

Yes, some events have disappeared, but many have continued to thrive: the games and contests for young and old, and the exhibits in the shed, where the whole community gathers to admire residents' art, photography, sewing and knitting, plants and flowers, baking and preserving and, of course, the bounty of our local gardens -- many of us still treasure the ribbons we won at the Fair !

