



# The 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Trinity Fair

August 2015

## Julie Anderson, Fair Coordinator



And, we're off! On September 12<sup>th</sup>, the Branford Green will be covered with colorful tents, goods tables staffed with energetic Trinity-ites, and (hopefully) many customers! Are we ready? We are

certainly well underway, and we will be perfect on the day, as long as everyone does his or her part.

Planning, emails, and organizing meetings are happening. Check the August Connections Calendar – everyone is invited to help, and share ideas.

Volunteer signup sheets are on the bulletin board. Canned goods for the labyrinth are lining the walls of the church. It certainly looks like the run up to the Fair!

Expanding the Farmer's Market is a way to draw new revenue. Many jars of jam have been canned already, and more canning/pickling is to come. Donate extra zucchini, squash, peppers, and cucumbers by August 9/10 and our pickling team will pickle mixed veggies on the 10<sup>th</sup>!



The undercroft hallway is filling with tag sale items. Tag sale items are accepted right up to the day. Good quality only, please. Please **do not** bring electronics or electrical items, kids toys, or clothing.

## Success is in the teamwork

The team leaders are what make this Fair work like clockwork. Seasoned veterans are a blessing, but so are new and willing hands to



learn and share the load. A big thank you goes to Drew Cosenza and Jeff Litke who are new crew chiefs for the Blueberry Pancake Breakfast; and, because their energy level will stay high through lunch, the lunch menu will expand to include sausage and pepper grinders. Way to go, Drew & Jeff! Martha Monico is the new Farmer's Market team leader. Thank you, Martha!

As to all the worker bees, don't assume same ol' same ol' teams have things covered. Not so! Calendar conflicts can pull people in multiple directions, so **new volunteers are very much needed**. Please look at the signup sheets on the bulletin board, and fill your name in a two-hour slot of your choice. Or, email [seniorwarden@trinitybranford.org](mailto:seniorwarden@trinitybranford.org). Have fun, help the church, and meet more church members.

## Who to contact to volunteer, ask questions, share ideas.

Operations Crew Chief	Matt Radulski
Artisans	Maryann Allen
Baked Goods	Chris Baird/Sue Rowan
Breakfast	Drew Cosenza/Jeff Litke
Church Tours	Jim Atkinson
Farmer's Market	Martha Monico
Jewelry	Lisa Davis-Rucinski
Kidz Korner	Loretta Merlone
Labyrinth layout	Annie Gustley
Lunch	Peter Hayes
Volunteer Coordinator	Ann Freeman
Needlecrafts/Crafts	Ruth Knowlton/Nancy Williams
Outreach	Joe Brummer
Peach Shortcake	Betsey Bray/Nancy Collins
Silent Auction	Peggy Esposito
Tag Sale	Sherry Molaskey
Treasurer	Rich Coote



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## Reminders

- Adults and children are needed on Friday at setup time. Adults move tag sale items, help setup tables, and create comedy scenes assembling popup tents for the rest of us to laugh at.
- Baked goods are a sellout every year! Your time and effort are very much appreciated. Remember to clearly label your goods, especially those that contain nuts. Gluten free and sugar free items are welcomed—clearly marked!
- Silent Auction has been months in the making. The variety, quality and quantity of items go up every year – it's fabulous, and the reason this is such a moneymaker. Team leader Peggy Esposito, has endless ideas and suggestions, and needs all sorts of help, so please see her note below and let her know how you can help.
- Farmer's Market comes to life with your homegrown produce, packaged/labeled seeds, fresh cut flowers, all things pickled, fudge and other favorite treats you make. What other ideas do you have? Trinity-made fruit preserves and pickled goods will be abundant, thanks to pickers and canners who have worked for months! There will be lots of ready-made Christmas presents for sale!
- Clean up happens within two hours if as many hands as possible help. If breaking down tables and clearing things away is your preferred way to help, you will never be so genuinely welcomed anywhere as at 2:00 PM after a busy day!
- Julie Anderson, Fair Coordinator, Ann Freeman, Volunteer Coordinator, and Jen Zehler, Runner, will be easily found – just look up for bobbing balloons!
- First Aid kit will be at the Food Tent.



## Schedule

### Friday evening:

**4:00 PM** All the canned goods lining the walls of the church will be moved out Friday evening to the Green. That needs lots of kid power!



**It's setup time!** All hands on deck! Popup tents to assemble, tag sale items to move, tables to load with products to sell, silent auction to set up – it's all action from 4:00 PM until the job is done. The more helping hands there are, the sooner we are ready. It usually takes 2-3 hours. Food and water is provided to keep you going!

### Day of:

**7:00 – 10:30 AM** Blueberry pancakes breakfast.

**7:30 AM** Early birds start the Tag Sale line.

**10:00 AM – 2:00 PM** Music and entertainment

**10:30 AM** Peach shortcake with real whipped cream, and apple cobbler. When a line forms near a red umbrella, that's your cue to indulge in this appetizer before heading to the lunch tent!

- Church Tour guides are ready.

**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM** Lunch. On the menu, traditional hot dogs and burgers with cheese and/or chili; and, sausage and pepper grinders.

**1:45 PM** Quilt raffle ticket winner announced.

Everything else runs all day, 8:00 AM til 2:00 PM.

**2:00 PM – 4:00 PM** break down and cleanup.



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## How You Can Help

### Volunteering

The Fair is a fund raiser, and a fun raiser. It is gentle evangelism and hospitality. Children learn about our canned goods labyrinth and see generosity laid out on the Green. Perhaps a seed was planted for a tradition of compassion and giving.

Collectively, parishioners create a fun event to which the public is invited, and together everyone supports the enduring ministries of Trinity Church. Some parishioners prepare for months, others help on the day, still others donate goods or bake, while others attend and buy. As long as everyone does something, we will do well. You will receive back new friendships, fulfillment, just plain feeling good, and a sense of having done good work for God's mission through Trinity.

Which two hours will you donate? Signup sheets are on the bulletin board, or [seniorwarden@trinitybranford.org](mailto:seniorwarden@trinitybranford.org). Thank you!

### Jewelry Table - Lisa Davis-Rucinski, Team Leader (left)

I am short staffed this year, and also need help with pricing ahead of the Fair. Jewelry table coverage on the day is broken into two slots: set up 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM, and 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM. I need at least two people in each slot, and more are welcome. Last year's crew had fun!



To accomplish pricing, I have set aside **Wednesdays in August--5, 12, and 26**--from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, to go through the jewelry and price each piece. We will meet at my house; I am in the membership directory. Please call or

email if you are willing to price or work the day of. Thank you!

### Silent Auction - Peggy Esposito, Team Leader

It's time!! The Silent Auction is gathering steam to be the best one yet and we need your help. As always we have an exciting wish list and your donation is very important. This year let's take it to the next level and recruit everyone as a donation solicitor!



Here's how it works. Next time you get your hair and nails done, ask for a gift card. Offer free publicity to your accountant, realtor, landscaper, vet, etc. and ask them to put together a basket. Restaurants are always happy to donate a gift card, especially to regular customers. Think outside the box next time you are out and about!

Of course, we need wine, wine, and more wine to fill the ever popular wheelbarrow. That is always our top seller and draws bidders into the tent! Please drop off a bottle in the back of the church between now and mid-August. More wine equals higher bids!





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Here is the 2015 Wish List to give some donation ideas.

- Gift basket of all kinds (cooking, gourmet foods, breakfast, spa and beauty, holiday, crafts and more)
- Vitamix or Ninja blender
- Tablet
- Items to complete a Tea Time Basket
- Giants or Patriots tickets
- Unique gift items or jewelry
- Crock Pot and kitchen items
- Gift cards of all denominations
- Soda Stream
- FitBit
- Apple watch
- Baby items for a basket
- A stay in your vacation home
- Movie tickets
- Theater tickets

The list is endless! Please contact me at 347-935-7025 or [silentauktion@trinitybranford.org](mailto:silentauktion@trinitybranford.org) to donate and/or volunteer!

Every year Betsey Bray (left) turns her kitchen (and beyond!) into a mini-bakery, where she and sister Nancy (middle) and daughter Gail, produce incredible pies and cobblers. Buy your pies early – they do not last!!



Loretta Merlone spends hours making games for kids, and making sure everybody wins! This is a fun venue to staff!



Ruth Knowlton and others sold raffle tickets for this years' quilt, *Falling in Love*, at the jazz concerts on the Green. But, they didn't sell the winning ticket yet – there's still time!



Chefs, kitchen hands, servers, money takers – it's poetry in motion in the Food tent! Food is delicious, too!





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**Shop!**



**Sweat!**



**Sell!**



**Share!**



**Smile!**



**Start Them Young!**

