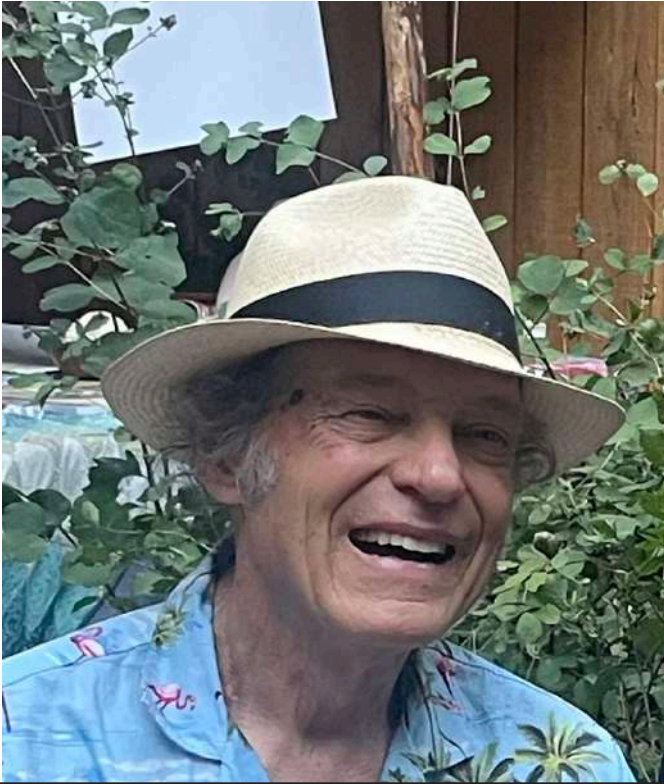


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My name is George Braddock and I am seeking reelection to the Fair Board. I was elected in 2017 and, if elected again, this will be my final term. I currently serve on the budget, financial planning and fixed assets committees.

For 48 years I have been the Ritz Booth Rep and artistic director, setting a standard for excellence in everything we do. We are a hard working crew in service to the Fair family. We begin serving volunteers when Main Camp opens for prefair set up, and again for a week post fair. Beginning Thursday before the fair, we are open 24/7 through public fair time. We are dedicated to providing an essential service to the fair family.

Our commitment to inclusion begins with ensuring accessibility and being welcoming to everyone regardless of age, race, gender, disability or sexual orientation. We are passionate about health and safety, mindful of the fact that you are never more vulnerable than when you are naked with strangers. In this way we model fair wide goals for EDIB.

During my tenure on the board I have witnessed a sea change in how the organization is being managed. Although the final numbers are not in, we are on track to having the most profitable year ever. We have overcome many challenges to arrive at this moment. Musical chairs in management and the Covid, to name just two.

For years we lived under threats from the outside: scrutiny from building officials, state agencies, angry neighbors, law enforcement and Covid. We survived them all and now, under new management, have working relationships focused on resolving these problems.

The challenges that we face today are largely self made. Our internal population exceeds that of the paying public. This puts a huge strain on all of our systems and infrastructure. Self interest is alive and well at that Fair and too often takes precedence over what is best for the organization and the community as a whole.

As long as I have been on the board there has been talk about the need for strategic planning. I am committed to actually making this happen.

I support this board's plan to review the scope of work of standing committees, including their responsibilities, reporting requirements and authority. Such an effort supports transparency within the organization.

Safety is my first priority. Naming a safety officer and developing procedures and policies that safeguard the health and safety of everyone is essential. Everyone deserves to feel safe at the Fair.

This year we rolled out a new database that has given us the most complete picture of who we are and where we fit into this complex and intricate project. You can't decide where you want to go if you don't know where you are now.

I am proud to be a member of this hard working Board of Directors. I hope to continue to provide my input and experience to help the fair thrive. I trust that you will elect me. Thank you.

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