

DAZZLINGLY GORGEOUS....

Our theme this year is in tribute to a wonderful lady who came to work at the BVX in 2015. Her enthusiasm and excitement regarding the Fair was contagious and she immediately was a perfect fit for a position that she was over-qualified to be in!

Ruth Lloyd had many talents; first and foremost a wonderful mom to Tirion and Siani, whom she also brought into the BVX office fold, a gifted musician, our chief linguistics checker and approver (she'd cringe at this one) a creative builder and designer of the most fabulous kid's activities to go along with each year's theme.

Each year we'd anguish over what theme to use for the Fair; some of our favorites were obvious; "Party Til the cows come home", " Go Hog Wild" and the festivities would begin with the choosing of the cover of the Prizebook and on to the Fall Fair Booth at the Northwest Expo and Tradeshow. We took great pride in winning the Best in show rosette several years in a row mostly due to Ruth's creation of the replica Ferris wheel hung high in our booth. We also knew how to bring in the crowds, free balloons and arts and crafts for the kids!

Every year brought a new project for Ruth; remember the dinosaur cave ? Life size! She built that! The main street Parade was another favorite of Ruth's, each year the fair golf cart would be transformed into something new, Prairie Schooner for the theme year "Ferris Wheels to Wagon Wheels" next was a giant zucchini to celebrate her beloved Zucchini races in the Kid's zone complete with her and Siani dressed as carrots.

For our 100th year; Ruth was in full costume for the 1919 era and her enthusiasm didn't stop with just dressing up, she brought back the Tug a War and Heritage races that year.

Ruth was our greeter in the office during fair time, always a smile and happy to see everyone, she moved from organizer of kids events to Media liaison effortlessly and after all that worked tirelessly into the night with the girls putting everything in order for the next day's job. With all that going on and as busy as we are at Fair time, it wasn't unusual for a burst of spontaneous singing coming from the other offices, just what we needed to lighten the air!

Dazzlingly Gorgeous....thanks, how about you? Ruth, you will be missed...



"Ruth loved the idea of the costume class in the DH section and offered to help me with a costume for Blossom, my Shire mare. This was in 2017, I can't remember what the slogan was, but she came up with the idea of a knight and helped me create "The Fair Knight". All I had to do was give her the blue blanket I had for Blossom and she spent countless hours sewing and gluing on the designs needed to make a super costume for me and my horse. I will never forget Ruth, her enthusiasm for the BVX was so contagious"

~ Anika Gattiker