2024 Fair Person of the Year

Tony Smith

Tony's love for the exhibition started as a child when the exhibition was only 3 days long. He remembers his mother saying that no one could talk to him after the exhibition because he was often sulking about the fun times having ended, and it would be a full year before they came again!

For more than 50 years, Tony has enjoyed showing a variety of animals at the Halifax County Exhibition, from a Shetland Pony to large Belgian Draft Horses. He fondly remembers when he and Donald Webster would saddle up the horses and ride around the ring after their chores. Later, he enjoyed showing Draft Horses alongside his late friend Bob Ramsey, and with Donnie Day.

The friendliness, the people and the feeling of always being welcomed are what Tony likes most about the Exhibition. He cherishes the times in the horse barn spent helping one another hitch up horse teams.

Although Tony has stepped back from the show ring, he is gratified to know he has played a part in his granddaughters being invested in the equestrian world, showing both light horses and draft horses, and carrying on traditions.

The Middle Musquodoboit Agricultural Society and Halifax County Exhibition Committee are honoured to present Tony Smith with the 2024 Fair Person of the Year Award at the Official Opening, Wednesday, August 14th at 5:45pm in the Main Show Ring. Thank You Tony for your years of being an exhibitor, helper, supporter & promoter of the Halifax County Exhibition.