

Hello All:

This presidents letter for our Shucks Newsletter pertains to the fun we are working on for you when you attend the National Cornhusking Competition this year in Amana Iowa. Friday we will be busy setting up for both days of completion so don't hesitate to stop by and visit a minute or just check out the fields. We are going to have a kids area and we are working with a few folks to have some different types displays for your enjoyment. I know we will have some items displayed by Corn Items Collectors Association. We are also going to have corn husking clinics to help those whom have never picked before the opportunity to learn more about this. We will be offering wagon rides with the Iowa and South Central Iowa Draft Horse Associations. There will be a special barn tour done by the Amana Colonies Historical Museum just for your enjoyment. These tours will be both Sat and Sun at 10:30 am I believe each day we will know more as we get closer so make sure you inquire so you don't miss the Barn Tour. There will also be a tour of the Amana Colonies given by the Amana Visitors Bureau talking about the Amana Colonies and its history which is very interesting so look for this tour also. If you make it here early you can watch our Iowa competition on Sat. We will also have a celebrity pick on Sat. We are going to have a banquet on Sat. night. In which we will need pre-registration for since we have to order meals. And speaking of the banquet we will have some free entertainment that you won't want to miss and will come with your purchasing of a banquet meal ticket. We will be having Tom Milligan an actor who does an skit called The American Dreamer-Life of Henry Wallace. Mr. Wallace is the reason we are all here. He started National Competitions many years ago. We will also be having a silent auction that evening with some very nice items on it I am sure you will want to bid on. Our banquet will also be our trophy presentation from our State contest earlier that day.

The committee also have worked hard to offer for sale to you for your memories of this year's National several items. We will have for sale t-shirts , sweatshirts (see price list in this Shucks) We are not going to have a huge amount of shirts available at the event because everyone we print we will need to sell so talk director they will have order forms at your event. We are going to also sell buttons, decals and the highlight of this year will be a limited edition of a print called Teamwork. Artist Bethany Caskey has created an awesome piece that we

will be selling prints of. See details in this Shucks to purchase your print. I will be sending visitor information also to your directors so you will have it to reserve rooms and plan your trip to the Amana Colonies this year. We will be putting more information on our website [www.amanacolony.com](#) so check there also about the stuff we are going to have here for your enjoyment. If you need more information about housing please go to [www.amanacolony.com/housing](#). We are working very hard to have an event that will be very memorable and entertaining for you and anyone you might bring to the event. If you have any other questions and need help please don't hesitate to call or email me at 641-919-2042,

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in October.

Dave VandenBoom