



News, Needs & Updates

Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction
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2023 Sale Dates – July 7 & 8

Attention Pastors, Church Secretaries and MCC Representatives –

We need you! Please share these news items in your church mailboxes, bulletins and newsletters. If you ever have questions, concerns, new ideas or other feedback, please do not hesitate to contact any Relief Sale Board member!

2022 Check to MCC: \$400,000

At our recent 2022 Wrap Up Meeting, the financial report was presented to the public. The Ohio Relief Sale's books close the end of October. Based on the recommendation of our treasurer, Melissa Hershberger, those who attended the general meeting approved the amount of \$400,000 to be sent to Mennonite Central Committee for the 2022 fiscal year. We thank all the volunteers, donors and buyers who made the 2022 Relief Sale a resounding success! If you would like a copy of the annual reports, please contact Kelly Troyer at 330-466-4848.

- NEW DATE -

July 7 and 8, 2023

- NEW LOCATION -

Mount Hope Event Center

8076 SR 241, Millersburg, Ohio 44654

As many of you will know, the Relief Sale's Executive Board voted last summer to make the move from the Wayne County Fairgrounds to the spacious Event Center in Mount Hope, Ohio. There are many advantages to this move, including room to contain the entire Relief Sale in one building, air-conditioning, room to expand if we wish, plenty of parking and a location that is centered in the tourism area in Amish Country. The Event Center hosts events year round and is occupied nearly every weekend of the year.

Questions, please contact Brenda LaTulippe at 330-933-6372.

More Facts About the Move to Mt. Hope

- The Mount Hope Expo building is 60,000 square feet and will be expanded to 80,000 square feet this winter. Even without the expansion, everything from Food to Kid's Activities can be housed in one space.
- The location is close to the tourist areas and many lodging options in Holmes County.
- Many of the rental items for the sale (coolers, cook trailers, kids' train) must be hauled from the Berlin area anyway.
- We will have the benefit of Amish attendance - both for volunteer help and to come and eat (if you hold an event, they will come.) Easily accessible by buggy and bike.
- **The New Date: July 7 and 8.** This is the only time slot during the summer that was open for us. Their staff has assured us that this weekend will be ours for as long as we want. We also feel it could be an advantage to be scheduled between the Crippled Children Fund Auction and the Rainbow of Hope Auction.
- The Crippled Children Fund Auction has grown exponentially since moving to Mount Hope.
- **Due to the date change, please plan for about a month ahead on your deadlines for quilts and other donations in 2023.**
- Travel: the distance is much the same for Hartville volunteers and it's nearly the same distance from Kidron as Wooster.
- Bugs will need to be worked out, but we felt it was in the best interests of the sale moving into the future.

One Auction for 2023

At the November Executive Board Meeting, members approved again selling items in one auction. While there would be plenty of room for two auction rings in the new event center, discussion centered around the logistics of online bidding and finding auction staff and clerks.

It was decided that for 2023, we will stay with one auction and will revisit returning to two auctions in 2024.

Quilts Must Be Completed a Month Early

Since our sale date moves up a month, quilt collection (as well as all our sale donations) moves up approximately 30 days.

Questions?

Quilts, Susan Hofstetter: 330-465-5814
General Donations, Peter Dunn: 330-464-5501

Needs: Children's Activities Coordinator

Jeanne Jantzi has coordinated Children's Activities for the past several years. She has a conflict this year, so we need a person or team to coordinate activities and games, etc for the kids. There is plenty of room so new ideas are welcome!

Needs: Quilter's Corner Coordinator

Laurel Horst started the Quilter's Corner stand many years ago and retired as of the 2022 Relief Sale. This is a stand that generated as much as \$10,000 per year and attracts visitors who come only to buy from this stand.

We don't want to lose this stand, since it is so beloved and brings in a significant amount of money. It is quite a lot of work to package and coordinate pricing, etc. A committee of volunteers would most likely be the best solution.

If you have interest in helping continue the tradition of Quilter's Corner, please contact Brenda LaTulippe at 330-933-6372.

Amazon Smile Helps the Relief Sale

Did you know? You can donate to the Relief Sale through smile.amazon.com. You'll have to sign up for Amazon Smile and make sure you select the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale as your designated charity. Always remember to use smile.amazon.com for future purchases.

2022 Relief Sale Board Members

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