

Suffield on the Green – 2022

Suffield Knights of Columbus (KoC) & Rotary Club Pull It Off – A Perfect Weekend for the 51st Suffield on the Green & Craft Fair!



Crowds came out in droves, happy to see this tradition continue! We even had the *Governor of Connecticut, Ned Lamont*, stop by on Saturday and socialize with those attending the Fair attendees. Several other local politicians such as State Representative *Tami Zawistowski* and State Senator *John Kissel* were present and enjoyed the fair.

The beautiful sunny opening day cooled off with a cloudy and intermittent sprinkling Sunday. However, that did not prevent many from taking advantage of all the Fair had to offer. There was something for everyone to enjoy at the Fair – the wide variety of foods, handmade crafts, dog competitions, music and children’s activities!



L to R: SOTG Chairman - Rich Sych, Natalie Donais, Governor Ned Lamont, Co-Chair – Gary Guminiak, Cheryl Armata & Bozena Guminiak – SOTG Photographer



Lori Sych enjoying “Sausage-on-a-stick”

An addition this year allowed Fairgoers to sit in the shade under the new “Big Top” tent, well maybe not that big – but it was an adequate size to supply shade for folks! *Suffield Music*, an annual favorite presented a variety of local music talent as the fair-goers sat and enjoyed their favorite foods. For a tasty meal, there were plenty of mouth-watering food options available such as Sausage with peppers and onions, delicious Polish Platter, Baked potatoes, Fried dough, Pulled pork and, of course, the Rotary Chicken BBQ. Are YOU looking forward to next year already???

Walking the Green, the Fairgoers savored the opportunity to visit nearly 200 booths, filled with handmade arts and crafts, local organizations sharing their information, services and food! Numerous fun activities were available for “children-of-ALL-ages” such as volleyball games, dunk tank, corn hole, Boy Scout Rope Walk, demonstrations by the talented Aces High Robotics Club, inflatable Bounce House and Obstacle course, Girls Scout art activities and more!



Aces High Robotics Club



Tinaja with “Wildest Wag” winner - Mateo

The Canine Contest, a highly anticipated and much-loved annual event, was well-attended, as always. Dogs of all breeds & sizes came out to schmooze the Canine Contest Judges to win in one of the many categories such as “Wildest Wag,” “Dressed to Impress,” “Cutest Smile,” “We Like Big Mutts,” etc. There were a lot of ooh’s and aah’s for the participating pooches as they walked the runway. There were also toys and other fun prizes for all the contestants and some to bring home for their doggie friends.

New this year was a “Petting Zoo” loved by both children and adults alike! *Roaring Acres Alpacas* of Suffield provided cute and cuddly Alpacas on Sunday, while on Saturday the *Madonna’s Farm* of Suffield shared their Nubian Goats. Many visitors interacted with the animals and took memorable pictures with their favorite animal and human. Plans for a bigger and better Petting Zoo for 2023 are already in the works.



Grayson playing with the Alpacas

The SOTG Committee gives a heart-felt and special thanks to all our community volunteers and organizations that helped make this event such a success. We can’t do it without you – such as the Suffield, Police Dept., Fire Dept., Public Works Dept., Explorers, Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus, former Friends of Suffield members and the Town of Suffield!

Please remember to support our generous sponsors so they can continue to support this event, including:



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Ava & Ada having fun!

The “Big Top” has been taken down, crafters have left and the food booths are gone. Planning for the SOTG 2023 now begins. If you would like to participate next year, please reach out to Richard Sych or Gary Guminiak from the Suffield Knights of Columbus, or Gayle Demko from the Suffield Rotary Club. Thanks to the partnership of both organizations, our town can continue to enjoy this long-standing town tradition.

See you in 2023!



Ethan is Shopping for a Suffield Sweatshirt



Doug Gillian selling Tootsie Rolls to Paula Anderson



Bella & Kylie eating under the “Big Top”



1st Selectman, Colin Moll in the “Dunk Tank”