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~ 2011 OAAS President's Message ~ - Fred Cooper -

Well the summer heat has certainly arrived and every weekend is busy with Ontario fairs from now until after Thanksgiving.

The OAAS Board of Directors had the Spring meeting in April. All committees continue to work on projects which are beneficial to all Fairs. The OAAS Staff Position Ad-Hoc Committee works through the summer to be ready for Convention. The Convention and Standing Committees look for new and improved ways to achieve their goals and carry out your wishes.

To all Fair members, I ask that you share your knowledge and expertise and offer to be your district representative to OAAS. You will meet and work with some very productive, responsible and friendly fair people. The experience is rewarding for yourself and our OAAS organization can only benefit from your involvement.

In May my home fair - Rockton- had a special recognition night for me, "Fred's Af-Fair". I was honoured to have had so many Fair representatives attend. A family member asked, "Do you know everyone here?" and I was thrilled to answer, "You bet!". Thank you to all who were able to attend, I had a wonderful time. I may even start square dancing again.

I do appreciate the invitations to various Fairs and I have had the pleasure of attending many. It's especially gratifying when accompanied by Phil Hernandez (1st VP) and his wife Brenda Hernandez and when weekend trips incorporate family and friend visits. Every Fair is unique and I always come away with something new or different to share or maybe incorporate at my home fair - Rockton. At all the Fairs we have attended I've met up with OAAS District representatives. I want to thank these people for their dedication and hard work, and for representing OAAS at their District Fairs. Your efforts are appreciated! Pat and I look forward to attending many more Fairs and meeting fabulous Fair people. Your dedication and many volunteer hours to your Fairs are commendable. Congratulations to you all for a job well done!

We look forward to seeing you at convention; hopefully if you haven't attended yet, you'll make Convention 2012 your first. You won't be disappointed. Your OAAS committees go out of their way to provide educational, informative, entertaining and fun activities the whole weekend.

This year's OAAS President's theme is: Remembering our Past - Embracing our Future. Progress involves looking back in order to make decisions about the future.

All the best to the fairs still upcoming, keep up the great work to you all.

Fred Cooper



2012 Affiliation fees

The 2012 Affiliation fees will remain the same value.
Due to the OAAS by December 31, 2011.

Visit www.ofac.org for a great Ag Aware Toolkit and resources dealing with farm tours, displays, Ag. activities, petting zoo guidelines etc.

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- Past President Pictorial books for sale

A Fred Cooper Af-Fair

The Rockton Agricultural Society held a recognition night for Fred Cooper as the 2011 O.A.A.S. President. The theme was *Fred Cooper's Af-Fair*. We staged food booths around the hall just like you were at the Fair. We featured Wine & Beer, Beef on a Bun, French Fries, Cheese and Crackers and make your own Sundaes, and cold refreshments, tea and coffee.

There were approximately 200 people in attendance including our own members and provincial associates.

Eleanor Wood kept everyone alert by giving Fred's history of his community involvement as well as his dedication to Rockton Fair and the O.A.A.S. There wasn't much roasting of Fred, but everyone had fun!

There was a short program with some singing by Rockton Fair Members with a little comic relief involved. Fred and his wife are avid square dancers, so we got Fred up to dance a couple of numbers with the Waterdown Village Squares.

Fred greeted guests and was greatly surprised by the program and expressed his appreciation before the evening concluded.

Rockton Fair is very proud of Fred for his accomplishments both locally and provincially.

Submitted by Iva Nagy



LEN PATTERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented by Nothers Awards, London

The third annual Leonard Patterson Memorial Award will be presented at the 2012 Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Annual Convention.

Agricultural Societies wishing to nominate their Secretary, Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer, who has served their organization for at least 15 years, may do by sending their nomination to the OAAS Past President Association, c/o Betty Lester, 84 Albert St. N., Lindsay, ON K9V 4K3, by December 1, 2011.

There is no special nomination form, please submit in writing, explaining in detail why you feel the nominee is deserving of this honour. Previous nominees must re-apply with an updated profile.

For inquiries please phone Betty Lester, 705-324-5644.



www.ontariofairs.com

The 2nd Edition of the OAAS Cookbook is still available. Over 400+delicious recipes from across the province. Contact the OAAS to order your copy today. \$10.00, includes HST

PROVINCIAL FAIR PASSPORT

Do you enjoy visiting several different fairs and exhibitions throughout the year ?

OAAS is offering a fair pass (that admits two people) into fairs and exhibitions in the province for only \$56.50. (includes HST)

Fair passes are available only from the OAAS office. Please forward cheques payable to OAAS.

WANTED: Pictures of unique craft items from your fair. Send your pictures to the OAAS office. Help create a collection of ideas to be viewed at the 2012 OAAS Convention in the Craft Room.

PREVIEW OF THE 2012 OAAS CONVENTION

Remembering our Past - Embracing our Future - February 16 - 18

THURSDAY February 16, 2012

- Speakers/Seminars & Round table discussion
- Ambassador program begins @ 1:30pm, in Upper Canada Room (*new location*)
- Registration desk opens at 1pm
- Drop off crafts & auction items
- Ambassador photo
- Evening Showcase & Ambassador Introduction



FRIDAY February 17, 2012

- Morning seminar sessions (*new time, 2 sessions in the morning & 1 session in the afternoon*)
- Family Entertainment Showcase (*new time, morning & afternoon performances*)
- Tradeshow opens at 9am (*new hours*)
- Drop off quilts, breads/cookies/posters/displays
- Annual General Meeting, 1pm (*new time*)
- Homecraft Meeting, 3:30pm (*new time*)
- President's Reception begins at 7:30pm (*new time*)
- Live Auction during the President's Reception (*new time*)
- Pick up all items (crafts, quilts, posters, displays, breads & cookies), 4:30pm-5:00pm (*new time*)



SATURDAY February 18, 2012

- Round table discussion
- Special award presentations (*new time*)
- Closing Speaker
- Transfer of OAAS Officers



SHOWCASE PERFORMERS WANTED

If you know any unique entertainment, the OAAS would love to hear from you. OAAS is currently seeking Entertainment for the 2012 Convention Evening Showcase & Family Entertainment Showcase. *Convention Surveys are asking for more variety, well we need your help to find it. Contact the OAAS Office for more information.*



The OAAS is happy to offer a Smart Serve Ontario certification course, on Thursday afternoon at the 2012 Convention. (pre registration required)

Watch for more details in the Convention registration package, in November.

2012 Convention Registration
Early bird registration - \$79.65 + HST = \$90.00
After January 27, 2012 - \$88.50 + HST = \$100
Ambassador Program - \$26.55 + HST = \$30.00

The Convention Ambassador program registration is to be completed on the main registration form only.

There will NOT be a separate registration package sent for the Ambassador program.

Royal York Hotel room rate = \$172 (a 1.8% increase since 2009)

Online convention registration starting December 1st.



The 2011 Paris Fair is proud to be partnered with the Calgary Stampede who in July 2012 will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary!

The Calgary Stampede, an icon in the exhibition industry invites you to be a part of the experience, the celebration & the memories July 6-15, 2012.

The Paris Fair & the Calgary Stampede are giving you a chance to WIN A TRIP FOR TWO, including hotel & roundtrip airfare to The 2012 Calgary Stampede!

Every ticket sold for the Paris Fair Sunday Country Concert Premium Seat Package (just \$12) will be entered in a draw to be made during the Victoria Banks & Gord Bamford shows – you MUST be a Premium Seat Ticket Holder & you must be at the show when the draw takes place!

Register for the 85th Annual CAFE Convention & Trade Show

The Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions with host the Western Fair District is pleased to invite you to the 85th Annual CAFE Convention scheduled November 16-19, 2011 in London, Ontario at the Hilton London.

Exciting changes in the program including opening Keynote Speaker Tim Buist on Wednesday during the President's Reception & Welcome plus Workshop Secessions in the Trade Show. The same quality of excellence in our Keynote Speakers and Workshop Secessions which are key to the CAFE convention. The Canadian Youth Talent Evening, as well as the Trade Show, Showcasing and Silent Auction.

For more info visit: www.canadian-fairs.ca



ABOVE: Fred Cooper and Carl DeSchutter at the 2010 CAFE Convention in Calgary.

The Fairmont Royal York is offering a limited time rate of \$119, until September 7th. Promo code: 2UDAPR



In partnership with Ontario Farm Fresh and Ontario Farmers Markets, author Lynn Ogryzlo has produced a book with a 'buy local' message. If every household in Ontario spent just \$10 on local food, an additional \$2.4 billion in our local economy'.

To give consumers a tool to buy local. For every recipe, there is a story of a grower and wine pairing. 20 stories of culinary destinations to inspire people to travel for food, 60 Ontario culinary maps and trails and more.

The Ontario Table is more than a cookbook, it is an agricultural journey designed to introduce you to the people, food and culture of Ontario's local food. (<http://www.lynnogryzlo.com>)

OAAS Past Presidents' Pictorial Book FOR SALE \$15

Makes a great gift for special guests, judges & ambassadors.

A memorial collection of pictorial illustrations from Ontario Fairs.

Contact the OAAS to place your order.

