

# 2016 OAAS Convention



Thursday, February 18 – Saturday, February 20

FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOTEL, TORONTO



## CONVENTION SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

**Thursday, February 18** – Seminar Sessions (topics on page 4)  
Round Table Discussions  
Registration  
Young Professionals Meet N'  
Greet, Under 40  
Entertainment Showcase

**Friday, February 19** – Opening Ceremonies,  
Keynote Speaker, Dan Needles  
Seminars (See topics on page 4)  
Tradeshow  
Family Entertainment Showcase  
Quilts, Posters, Cookies, Bread,  
Craft Room & Silent Auction  
Ambassador Group Photo  
Evening Showcase  
Live Auction  
Ambassador Introductions  
Entertainment

**Saturday, February 20** – Annual Meeting  
Closing Comments

## WHAT TO PACK IN YOUR SUITCASE FOR THE OAAS CONVENTION ???

- Hotel confirmation number
- Auction items (for live & silent auction)
- Homecraft entries (posters, cookies, bread, crafts, quilts, displays)
- Spending money for auctions
- Loose change for Share the Wealth 50/50
- Shopping list for your tradeshow ventures
- Fun, adventurous, casual attitude

## FRIDAY MORNING KEYNOTE SPEAKER **DAN NEEDLES**

'Land, Culture and Farmer Thinking.' Our fall fairs are part of a culture that celebrates home, farm and garden and they offer a place for us to bridge the enormous divide between city and country.

*Dan Needles known as the playwright who gave us the Wingfield Farm stage plays with Walt Wingfield and all the other characters in Persephone Township. Dan won the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour in 2003 & he has served for the last ten years as the honorary Mayor of Mariposa.*



Don't miss it!! Friday morning 9am, Concert Hall

## **OAAS Young Professionals Meet N' Greet**

*Presented by Ram Rodeo*

Thursday, February 18, 4:00pm – 5:00pm  
in the Van Horne Suite

*Open to convention delegates under the age of 40, at least 19 years of age & excluding current Ambassadors.*



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LIVE AUCTION – FRIDAY FEB 19<sup>th</sup>

## **INFORMATION BOOTH**

(located adjacent to Registration)

OAAS Merchandise For Sale: Passports, Cookbooks, Judging Handbooks

Convention Questions & Answers

*Thank you to the OAAS Past Presidents' Association  
for assisting at the Information Booth*



## **CHECK OUT OAAS Convention**

### **Photography Competition**

Inside the Ballroom, Convention Floor

## **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION WINNER**

**Mark Nicholls, Dundalk Ag. Society**

Complimentary Dinner for Two in EPIC (value \$200.00)

## **CHECK IT OUT ...**

Quilts, Posters, Cookies, Bread & Crafts  
are in the BALLROOM. (behind Registration Desk)

**ALL DAY FRIDAY**

## **TRADESHOW** over 65 exhibitors

WELCOME TO MANY NEW EXHIBITORS FOR 2016

LOCATED IN THE CANADIAN ROOM, all day Friday

## **FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SHOWCASE**

**Friday 10:30am – 11:45am &  
1:30pm – 3:45pm, Toronto Room**

The Barry O' Show

Team T&J

Rock the Arts

Farmtastic Soundz

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Bubble Wonders

Little Buckaroos

The Puppet Lady

CLarOL The Clown

Sing Along Tim and the Pacifiers

Funny Waiter Show

## **OAAS CONVENTION AUCTIONS !!!!**

LIVE AUCTION is taking place on  
FRIDAY, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at the  
Evening Showcase before  
Ambassador Introductions

SILENT AUCTION is taking place on  
Thursday & Friday in the Ontario Room

Please join us in the OAAS President's  
Hospitality Suite, Van Horne Suite:  
Thursday, 10pm-1am & Friday, 10pm-1am

### **Homecraft Meeting**

Friday, February 19, 2016

1:30pm

Concert Hall, Convention Floor

~ Everyone is welcome to attend ~

## **EXPANDED FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SHOWCASE**

**Friday February 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30am-11:45am & 1:30pm – 3:45pm  
TORONTO ROOM**

## **THANK YOU ....**

**PLATINUM SPONSOR:** Canadian National Exhibition (CNE)

**GOLD SPONSORS:** Dominion Regalia ~ The Co-Operators Insurance

**MINI AG-AWARENESS TRADESHOW** is taking place Friday February 19<sup>th</sup>  
located outside Canadian Room, 9:00am – 4:30pm

# CONVENTION PROGRAM 2016

## Thursday, February 18, 2016

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Receive & Bidding of Auction Items .....	Ontario Room
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Receive Posters, Bread & Cookies, Crafts & Machine Quilts .....	Ballroom
1:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Registration Desk open .....	Convention Floor
3:00 pm - 4:45 pm	Ambassador Program .....	Upper Canada Room
3:00 pm - 3:50 pm	Early Bird Seminars & Round Table Discussions .....	Main Mezzanine
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	OAAS Young Professional Meet N' Greet, Under 40, .....	Van Horne Suite
4:00 pm - 4:50 pm	Early Bird Seminars & Round Table Discussions .....	Main Mezzanine
6:30 pm	Doors Open for Entertainment Showcase .....	Concert Hall
7:00 pm	Entertainment Showcase begins .....	Concert Hall
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Ambassador Hospitality Suite .....	Manitoba Room

## Friday, February 19, 2016

7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration Desk open .....	Convention Floor
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Receive Posters, Bread & Cookies, Crafts & Machine Quilts .....	Ballroom
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Receive Hand Quilts .....	Salon A
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Receive & Bidding of Auction items .....	Ontario Room
8:30 am - 10:00 am	Opening Ceremonies <i>with Keynote Speaker Dan Needles</i> .....	Concert Hall
9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Tradeshow .....	Canadian Room
10:30 am - 11:45 am	Various Seminars & Round Table Discussions .....	Main Mezzanine
10:30 am - 4:00 pm	Ambassador Program ( <i>lunch is provided</i> ) .....	Upper Canada Room
10:30 am - 11:45 am	Family Entertainment Showcase .....	Toronto Room
11:00 am - 4:30 pm	Viewing of Crafts, Machine Quilts, Bread, Cookies, Posters, Photography .....	Ballroom
11:30 am - 4:30 pm	Viewing of Hand Quilts .....	Salon A
1:30 pm - 3:15 pm	Homecraft Meeting .....	Concert Hall
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Various Seminars & Round Table Discussions .....	Main Mezzanine
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	OAAS Past President Meeting .....	Library
1:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Family Entertainment Showcase .....	Toronto Room
2:30 pm	Tradeshow, Silent Auction, Quilts, Crafts, Bread, Cookies, Posters, Photography .....	Convention Floor
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Various Seminars & Round Table Discussions .....	Main Mezzanine
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Pick up Crafts, Posters, Bread, Cookies & Machine Quilts .....	Ballroom
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Pick up Hand Quilts .....	Salon A
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Pick up Silent Auction winning bid items .....	Ontario Room
7:00 pm	Ambassador Group Photo .....	Hotel Lobby
7:00 pm	Doors Open to Friday Evening Showcase .....	Concert Hall
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Friday Evening Showcase Begins: <i>Live Auction, Introduction of Ambassadors, Entertainment</i>	

## Saturday, February 20, 2016

8:00 am	Ambassador Program .....	Upper Canada Room
8:00 am - 8:20 am	Round Table Discussion .....	Canadian Room
& 8:20 am - 8:40 am		
8:45 am	Introduction of OAAS Board of Directors	
9:00 am	Annual Meeting	
10:30 am	Closing Ceremonies	

### Thursday Afternoon Seminars

- Show Me How To Make The Money
- How Can Fairs Increase The Numbers Of Exhibitors In Homecraft?
- WSPS & You: Working Together To Grow Safety In Your Community
- New Convention Delegate Orientation
- Insurance Matters: Commercial General Liability For Fair
- Add Sizzle To The Cooking & Lifestyle Stage At Your Fair...A Dozen Tips
- Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® Program
- Resizing, Downsizing, Rightsizing The OAAS Board Of Directors

### Friday Seminars Morning

- How Do We Get Some Fresh Ideas In Here
- Wonderful World Of Junior Ambassadors
- Insurance Matters: Commercial General Liability For Fair
- Social Media 101: Plan Your 2016 Social Media Marketing Strategy
- From Mane To Tail - Get Horse Power Working For Your Fair!
- Crafting In The Changing Modern World. What's Hot, What's Not
- Building Relationships With Your Midway Provider

### Friday Afternoon Seminars

- Starting An Ambassador Program From Scratch Or Rejuvenating An Existing One
- Fair Software That Works For YOU !
- TSSA Amusement Regulation And Operational Inspections
- Succession Planning For Your Society
- What's New At The Ontario Trillium Foundation?
- Show Me How To Make The Money
- Treasurer Matters: Tips For Fair Treasurers
- Evolving Ambassador Programs
- If You Eat, You're In!
- Resizing, Downsizing, Rightsizing The OAAS Board Of Directors
- Strategic Planning – Are We Moving Ahead Or Just Treading Water?
- Is your Fair prepared for a Large Animal Emergency?
- Secretary Matters: Tips & Tools for Fair Secretaries

### Thursday Evening Showcase Performers

Rynestone Magic  
River Town Saints  
21 Gun Salute  
Kids Pedal Tractor Pull  
Comedy In Motion with Bob Cates

Amberly Beatty  
Triple Threat  
Canine Stars

### Friday Evening Showcase Performers

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Runaway Angels

## **AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

**All Ambassador programming takes place in the Upper Canada Room, on the 18<sup>th</sup> Floor.**

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

1:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Ambassador Registration Desk is open
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Table Talk
4:00 pm – 4:45 pm	Surviving the Convention for Ambassadors and Chaperones
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Evening Showcase Entertainment in the Concert Hall
10:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Ambassador Hospitality room open, Manitoba Room (MM)

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2016**

8:00am – 12:00 pm	Registration at the main OAAS Convention Registration Desk
8:30 am – 10:15 am	OAAS Keynote Address, Dan Needles – Canadian Room
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Paula Ellis & 2015 CNE Ambassador, Matt Garwood
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Visit the tradeshow, Craft Room, Quilts on Convention Floor
12:00 pm – 1:00pm	Lunch (lunch is provided)
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Brittany Gaul, Former CNE Ambassador 2007
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Stage Rehearsal
4:00 pm	Supper with your Society
7:00 pm SHARP	Ambassador Group Photo – Hotel Clock in LOBBY
7:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Friday Night Showcase in the Concert Hall
	Ambassadors introduce themselves, after Live Auction
10:00pm – 11:00pm	Ambassador Hospitality room open, Manitoba Room (MM)

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016**

8:00 am	Saturday Morning Speaker, Neil Johnson
10:00 am	Presentation of Congeniality winner
10:15 am	Convention Closing – Canadian Room

**We hope all the Ambassadors will have a great time!!**

**REGISTRATION DESK  
is open at 1:00pm, Thursday.**

**Register individually, by  
delegate last name**

**Located on Convention Floor (CF)**

