



OAAS GAZETTE



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OAAS PRESIDENT - ROBERT HARGRAVE, MILVERTON

Happy Summer everyone.... I trust everyone is enjoying the summer of 2013 and all the fairs that have happened or about to commence in the coming two months.

I would like to advise everyone that the Board is currently performing a comprehensive review of Governance and Finances to ensure the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies has the appropriate Governance Model and a Sustainable financial future.

The OAAS and Agricultural Societies have enriched rural and urban Ontario for over 200 years. This is amazing considering that Canada will not be 150 years young until 2017.

The Province of Ontario has evolved during the past 150 years and so has the OAAS and Agricultural Societies.

We are about to write the next chapter in the history of the OAAS and during this process of renewal we will honour our past, engage in the present and have faith in the future. We value everyone's input during this process and look at building trust and open honest respectful dialogue.

Since hiring our new GM Mark numerous initiatives have commenced and overall the feedback has been very positive. Over the past few months the executive, Strategic Planning and Finance Committees have been working on a strategy for Sustainability hence the following has been approved.

1. Governance Review Team: Helen Scutt from OMAFRA has agreed to be the team's advisor and resource. GM Mark will not be participating on this team as he is a paid employee. The purpose of the Review Team will be to investigate different Governance models survey directors, contact members, stakeholders and other groups that have undergone Governance Reviews. The goal of Governance Review Team is to prepare a draft governance document with options for executive review on or before Sept 20th. A Governance Review recommendation will be presented at the Fall board meeting. Once a consensus is reached at the Fall Board meeting then a plan on how to communicate to members at AGM 2014 will be developed. After convention February 2014 and for the months preceding Convention 2015 executive and directors will be talking to Agricultural Societies and stakeholders about our vision for the future. If consensus is reached then a Resolution will be approved at the October 2014 Board meeting with members voting at the 2015 AGM.

2. Finance Committee: The Finance Committee under the leadership of Mark will commence a comprehensive review of income and expenses. The Finance Committee will develop several financial models of sustainability. The committee will be contacting numerous Agricultural Societies and stakeholders for their input during the review process. The draft sustainable document with financial model options is due for executive review September 20th. The same steps will be followed as the Governance Review Team since both Governance and Sustainability are connected.

I appreciate everyone's passion, dedication and engagement during this time of renewal and in writing the next chapter of our history. If anyone has any questions or concerns please contact me.

Sincerely,
Robert Hargrave
President OAAS
"One Team One Goal"

WINNER – 1st Place OAAS 60% Whole Wheat Bread - Sharon Legge, Chesley Fair - District 10

In a small bowl put: 1c warm water, 1tsp sugar. Sprinkle over this 2 pkg of yeast and let stand for 10 minutes

In a very large bowl combine: 3 cups hot water, 2tbsp honey, 2tbsp molasses, 1 tbsp of salt, ½ cup vegetable oil, 2tbsp lemon juice. Then stir in dissolved yeast.

Add 2 cups of whole wheat flour and 2 cups all-purpose flour. Beat until smooth.

Stir in 4 cups of whole wheat flour and 2 cups of all-purpose flour (add one cup at a time). Gradually add enough whole wheat flour to form a dough ball (maybe 1-2 cups more)

Turn onto flour surface & knead 5-10 minutes or until smooth & elastic

Put dough into a big greased bowl, turning to coat all surfaces

Cover and set in warm place to rise until doubled (about 1-1 ½ hours)

Punch down

Form into loaves- put into bread pans & let rise until doubled again.

Bake at 375 deg. for 30-35 minutes

Remove from pans & allow to cool. Yield 4 loaves.

LEN PATTERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented by Nothers Awards, London

The 5th annual Leonard Patterson Memorial award will be presented at the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies annual convention in February 2014.

Leonard Patterson worked for Nothers for several years and made many contacts and friends at the fairs. He volunteered and worked diligently on the board of Mount Forest fair, as well as for District #10, where he served as their director on the OAAS board and was elected president in 1986. Nothers is presenting this award in Leonard's memory.

Agricultural Societies wishing to nominate their Secretary and/or Treasurer, who has served their organization for at least 15 years, may do so by sending their nomination to the OAAS Past Presidents' Association by December 1, 2013. There is no special nomination form. Please submit in writing, explaining in details why you feel your Secretary and/or Treasurer is deserving of this honour. If previously nominated, please re-apply with an updated profile.

Please send your nomination to: OAAS Past Presidents' Association, c/o Betty Lester, 84 Albert St. N., Lindsay, ON K9V 4K3. For inquiries phone 705-324-5644.

Ag-Event and Fairs Lunch and Learn

Ontario Agri-Food Education is hosting: a Lunch and Learn

This event is **Free** to all OAFE and OAAS members.

Lunch will be provided.

Date: Wednesday 28 August 2013

Time: 10 am to 2 pm

Location: Country Heritage Park
8560 Tremaine Road,
Milton, Ontario.

Please RSVP to Rachel Hendriksen

Email: rachel@oafe.org

Phone: 905-878-1510

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Bringing Agriculture into the Classroom

Eight Questions To Ponder From the President

1. Does your Agricultural Society operate a Farmers Market? If so please describe..
2. Does your Agricultural Society host a Culinary event to promote local food and wine producers? If so please describe.
3. Besides the Fair what other events does your Agricultural Society conduct?
4. Has your Agricultural Society conducted a strategic planning session and developed a vision for the future?
5. Does your Agricultural Society have an Emergency Plan document?
6. Considering the demographics have changed and our communities are more diverse has your Agricultural Society developed a strategy to be more inclusive and attract new members and exhibitors?
7. How could the OAAS help your Agricultural Society
8. Does your Agricultural Society host Horse racing?

Results will be posted in an upcoming Gazette and on the OAAS website.

Please forward your responses to rwheah@hotmail.com and thank you for completing the survey.

Robert Hargrave
President OAAS
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First Impressions

THANK YOU TO THE 31 AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES THAT APPLIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM.

- Delta and Picton
- Perth and Peterborough
- Campbellford and Port Perry
- Teeswater and Fergus
- Chatsworth and Coldwater
- Elmvale and Huntsville
- Woodbridge and Niagara Regional (Welland)
- Dorchester and Drumbo
- Brigden and Thorndale
- Laird (Echo Bay) and New Liskeard

Thank you to all the volunteers, facilitators and group leaders, agricultural societies and committee members for making this program a success.

First Safe Strides Is Here To Help Horse Show Organizers

If you are director, volunteer, show manager or otherwise involved in running horse shows at agricultural society fairs, the Ontario Equestrian Federation has a new program to assist you in hosting a successful show.

What is First Safe Strides?

The First Safe Strides program is designed to support agricultural societies as they design and implement safe horse shows. We want to be a resource for horse show organizers and assist them in developing competitions that adhere to standard safety and procedural requirements.

Who is the Ontario Equestrian Federation?

The OEF represents 22,000 individual members who come from all sectors of the horse industry. Our membership base includes professionals, amateurs, competitors and recreational enthusiasts of all ages and disciplines.

Why is it important that we work together?

Equine events such as horse shows are an important part of the agricultural component of a fair and help support their community. Grassroots horse shows, like those held at Ontario's fairs, provide an affordable, welcoming environment for novice exhibitors. These exhibitors need to be fostered in a positive learning environment so our entire industry can strengthen and grow.

How can the OEF help you?

The OEF representative will be travelling for the duration of the fair season to attend horse shows and make connections with the hardworking directors and volunteers who make them possible. We can provide on-site membership applications for exhibitors arriving without liability coverage and work with horse show organizers to ensure OEF memberships presented by exhibitors are current.

We also strive to educate the public about equine events and how they can get involved in the horse industry. To that end, we provide free educational material, such as our *Guide for New Riders*.

After the event, we can provide a comprehensive evaluation of key areas that can affect the success of a horse show.

There are also a number of OEF programs available for agricultural societies to take advantage of. Your First Safe Strides representative would be pleased to discuss these options with you. Programs include:

Affiliate Membership – For agricultural societies, riding groups and clubs.
Recreation Fund – Available for projects Affiliate members identify, such as ring improvement in fencing and footing

If you would like to provide input or assist with the development of any of the above topic areas, please contact Stephanie at s.rutherford@horse.on.ca or 1-877-441-7112 x 12

If you are interested in having the First Safe Strides program attend your horse event, please contact Stephanie. The program has limited attendance opportunities due to conflicting event schedules. A schedule of horse shows where the First Safe Strides program will be attending will be posted online at www.horse.on.ca/programs/first-safe-strides/ as it becomes available. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter, too!

OAAS Convention 2014

February 20-22

(this is NOT Family Day weekend)

Fairmont Royal York Hotel

NEW FOR 2014

Register 10 delegates,
get the 11th delegate FREE

Rates for 2014

\$90 per delegate on or before January 24
\$125 per delegate after January 24
\$150 per delegate at convention
Prices include HST.

*2014 President's Reception features
The Reklaws*



2014 Showcase Entertainment
Applications due to OAAS by
Friday October 11, 2013

~ Send us your suggestions ~

Sew it, Grow It, Show It

Submitted by: Debbie Fawcett.

This project started out small by inviting all the members of the Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild to each contribute their previously "SEW". It & never used it orphan quilt blocks to "GROW" it into a Quilted Car Cover, to be "SHOWN" around the county to advertise our Quilt Show.

'FIVE TIMES A CHARM' coming up Saturday October 19th & Sunday October 20th, 2013, at the Orangeville Fairgrounds Agricultural Building.

This took many hours and days to complete with a little over a one year turnaround. The piecing and quilting was completed by myself, Debbie Fawcett.



The Quilt Car at Caledon Fair