

OAAS GAZETTE



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OAAS PRESIDENT - SYLVIA PARR, ANCASTER

ONTARIO FAIRS – Fabulous Family Fun

Ontario Agricultural Fairs; we are the best kept secret in Ontario! This season I have had the opportunity to travel to many spring and summer fairs, and sit and visit with members, volunteers and staff. There are so many stories to tell about Agricultural Societies and Fairs. I urge each and everyone to collect and share those stories and pass them down to the new members of our societies, like the fair whose office was built by prison inmates, the fair who won a competition back in 1901 and the government built them a beautiful office building. A Homecraft Division that has been holding a luncheon for over fifty consecutive years, and the many fairs who gave up their grounds to the war effort. Take time to think of the age of your society and then go back to what Ontario and Canada was doing at that time. Agricultural Societies have been around a long time – its time we started to let our secret out and share our stories and successes both past, present and most definitely the future!

Your OAAS Board, Executive and Staff have worked hard this spring as we moved forward toward the fair season. Spring meetings and Judging Schools have been held throughout the province. The OAAS Executive has held meetings by conference call on a regular basis. We have also met with 4-H Ontario as they plan for their 100th anniversary celebrations in 2015. Conversations have been held with Rob Black Executive Director of The Rural Ontario Institute on how our organizations can work together. (Watch for information on a webinar on board governance). We have had regular meetings with Helen Scutt at OMAFRA. Treasurer Kerry MacDonald is looking after all things financial from grants to insurance. OAAS Secretary Kathryn Lambert is doing the same wonderful job that she has been doing for the past ten years.

The support and confidence of other rural organizations has been gratifying as the OAAS moves forward. I thank everyone for their enthusiasm and dedication to Agricultural Fairs and the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies.

See you at the fair!



PHOTOS ALONG MY
TRAVELS TO ONTARIO
FAIRS

\$\$\$ OAAS Treasurer Tidbit \$\$\$

From the desk of OAAS Treasurer, Kerry McDonald

Is your Fair exempt from HST registration?

Different rules apply to Not-for-Profits vs. Registered Charities when it comes to HST.

If your Fair is already HST-registered but doesn't "need to be" there is a process to de-register. It involves proving to Revenue Canada that you meet the necessary exemptions listed below.

Registered Charity Fairs: A Registered Charity is exempt from registering for HST **IF** their annual gross income is less than \$250,000 **OR** their gross taxable income is less than \$50,000. If you can say yes to *either* of these then you do not need to be HST-registered.

If your Charity is NOT HST-registered then you qualify to submit an application for a Public Service Bodies' Rebate to receive a partial refund of the HST that your Fair has paid to others each year. If your Fair has never submitted a Public Service Bodies' Rebate application you can submit one application for each of the past four (4) years.

Not-for-Profit Fairs:

A Not-for-Profit Fair (all Fairs that are NOT Charities) is exempt from registering for HST **IF** their annual taxable income is less than \$50,000.

If your Charity is NOT HST-registered and receives at least 40% of their funding from a government agency then you qualify to submit an application for a Public Service Bodies' Rebate to receive a partial refund of the HST that your Fair has paid to others each year. If your Fair qualifies and has never submitted a Public Service Bodies' Rebate application you can submit one application for each of the past four (4) years.

Complete details are available on the Revenue Canada website – www.cra.gc.ca

WITH SYMPATHY ~ *The Ontario Association of Agricultural Society wishes to send condolences to the friends and family of Betty Jermyn who passed on July 2nd. Betty was a past treasurer of the OAAS and past member of the Mitchell and Seaforth Agricultural Society.*

Garbage Shed Reconstruction at Binbrook Fair

Work on July by 4
Binbrook Fair volunteers:
Kevin Morrison, Bill Baker,
Pat Powell, and Cliff
Billinghurst.

Photo submitted by Gerry Fuchs



Greenhouse Grower Display
Competition at Leamington Fair -
held on Father's Day weekend.
Submitted by Marie Hall

LEN PATTERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented by Nothers Awards, London

The 6th annual Leonard Patterson Memorial award will be presented at the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies annual convention in February 2015.

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, 2014. 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 Joanne Gregson, 20 Sommerville Cres., Mulmur, Ontario L9V 3J2

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

First Impressions

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

- Dryden /Murillo
- Metcalfe/Williamstown
- Arnprior/Chesterville
- Warkworth/Quinte
- Uxbridge/Port Hope
- Clinton/Hanover
- Embro/Milverton
- Orangeville/Rockton
- Beaver Valley (Clarksburg)/Oro
- Emsdale/Foley (Parry Sound)

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

OAAS Convention 2015

February 19 - 21

(this is NOT Family Day weekend)

Fairmont Royal York Hotel

MPP Pettapiece recognizes 100th anniversary of Listowel Armouries

(Queen's Park) – MPP Randy Pettapiece delivered a member's statement in the Ontario legislature celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Listowel Armouries. He spoke about Saturday's commemoration ceremony and the history of this important local landmark. The following is the text of his remarks:

"I am pleased to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Listowel Armouries. "On Saturday, I had the privilege of attending the commemoration ceremony to mark this milestone. The celebration highlighted the Armouries building and honoured those who trained there, those who served our country overseas, and those currently serving. "The event featured an advance demonstration by the Guelph Regiment, an afternoon fly-over of two World War One vintage aircrafts, viewings of large war memorabilia collections, and a moving piece by Cambridge artist Dave Sopha which features the portraits of our fallen Canadian soldiers from the Afghanistan War. "The Listowel Armouries was originally built in 1914, and housed the 100th Battery of the 21st Royal Canadian Artillery Regiment through both the first and second World Wars. The Listowel Agricultural Society acquired the building in 1970, preserving the traditional armoury style.

"Today, the building is known as the Listowel Agricultural Hall, and is busy year-round with fund-raising events, celebrations and the annual Listowel Fair. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to Saturday's celebration. Thank you to Elizabeth Johnston, the fair organizer, and the entire Listowel Agricultural Society, all of whom have worked tirelessly putting this event together. "Thank you to the councils and staff of North Perth and Perth County, which have supported this project since the beginning. "Thank you to the many donors and sponsors who came together to offer their support. "And to the many volunteers, participants and attendees – thank you for celebrating this historic landmark."



YOU ASKED FOR IT

ONE DAY REGISTRATIONS AVAILABLE!

<u>Rates received by January 24</u>	<u>Rates after January 24</u>	<u>Rates at Convention</u>
3 day - \$125	3 days - \$150	3 days - \$175
1 day - \$100/day	1 day - \$125/day	1 day - \$150/day

Pick up time for quilts and craft room items is EXTENDED

2015 Showcase Entertainment applications due to OAAS
by Friday October 3, 2014

Tradeshow is relocating to the Canadian Room
to offer more for the delegates

Copyright Infringement: With the increase availability of material and personal works now readily available on the internet, copyright infringement and legal cases surrounding them are on the rise. Before your society thinks about using, **copying or displaying someone else's work, make sure your society is protected and has the legal rights/permission to use the work or material.** Fulltime organizations now scour the internet daily looking for their or their client's work being used without permission in newspapers, fair books, and websites. If organizations or people are found to be using copyrighted works without permission, legal action is possible against the organization. Copyrighted work protects the owner or the organization that represents the owners work to solely reproduce, distribute, perform and/or display it.

How do I get permission to use someone else's work?

If your use isn't permitted by a license, or one of the exceptions in the Copyright Act, you will need to ask for permission. The permission must come from the copyright owner or the organization that represents the owner.

Always seek written legal permission before using anyone's personal works, and state what it will be used for. Just because it is on the internet, does not mean it is readily available to be used without permission. Even works that do not say copyrighted are usually still protected. If you are still unsure, your organization should contact a local legal representative.

Additional information can be found at the following address':

<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html>

http://www.cipo.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/h_wr02281.html

Further information on protecting your Agricultural Society's insurable risks can be directed to Shawn LaPalm at The Co-operators: 1-888-712-2667.

The information provided in this document is intended to help OAAS and its members manage risks. The information provided does not constitute professional, insurance or legal advice.

Ambassador Experience Day in District 13 ~ On Saturday July 12, District 13 hosted an Ambassador Experience Day in Glencoe, Ontario for all of their Ambassadors and for Ambassador committee members. In addition, the Ambassadors and committee folks from District 9 were also invited to attend. Ambassadors attended, representing Glencoe, Wallacetown, Brooke-Alvinston, Plympton-Wyoming, Forest, Thorndale, Ilderton, Petrolia, Dorchester, Leamington, Ridgetown, a fun and interesting program was put together by District 13 Ambassador Alumni.

The morning Ambassador program consisted of the ambassadors rotating between a series of mock interviews for different situations, and a question and answer period with CNE Ambassador Claire Milton, and former CNE Ambassador Jocelyn Van Herk. Each ambassador went through three different types of mock interviews – one for a job, one for an ambassador position, and one for an agricultural promotional representative position. The interviewers that supported us by donating their time were OAAS Past Presidents Phil Hernandez and Joan Edwards, Dave Little from Middlesex 4-H, Cheron Chamberlain, the Agriculture Coordinator from Western Fair District, Brian Slaughter District 13 Ag. Director and Kathy Breen from the Dairy Farmers of Ontario, and Judy Slaughter former secretary of Forest Fair. The feedback on this portion from both the ambassadors and the interviewers was incredibly positive. The ambassadors felt it was very beneficial to experience all of these different types of interview situations and the interviewers were very impressed with the quality of the participants.

The ambassadors also took part in an activity where they paired up and came up with an outline of a plan for a new event for their fair. Some really great ideas came out of this!

The committee member portion of the day took the format of a roundtable discussion of the issues facing Ambassador programs across our area and the province.

We had participants taking part from Brigden, Brooke-Alvinston, Glencoe, Ridgetown, Ilderton, Dorchester, Forest, Western Fair District, Comber and Ridgetown. Issues like getting participants, promotion of the program, types of and remuneration for judges, having successful committees, and clothing issues at convention and CNE were just some of the topics that were discussed. The committee people that took part were very pleased with the opportunity to exchange information, and talk about not only problems, but to talk about things that work really well as well.

Following a delicious lunch that was supplied and served by the Dorchester Agricultural Society, the two groups joined up to watch a “What not to wear” Fashion show. Ambassador Alumni put on the show to give examples to the ambassadors and to the committee people as well, of what is appropriate for them to wear for different events that they will be taking part in both as ambassadors and beyond. This was a very entertaining but insightful way to help prepare our present ambassadors for the upcoming CNE, as well as future job interviews etc.

This day was extremely successful, and special thanks go to our Ambassador Alumni Lauren Armstrong (Plympton-Wyoming), Megan McGill (Glencoe) Carleigh McInnes (Western) Greg Williams (Dorchester) Taylor McLean (Glencoe), Melanie Harris (Thorndale) and Brooke General (Forest) for planning an amazing day for all. Special thanks too to our District Directors Brian Slaughter and Brenda MacTavsh, and our fairs for giving us the support to make this day possible.

Next year is already in the planning stage!

SEE PAGE 6 OF THE GAZETTE NEWSLETTER FOR PICTURES OF THIS EXCITING DAY.

Submitted by Carrie Fraleigh-DeSchutter, Glencoe Fair

Photo's Needed! OAFE seeking your support for new resource

Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc. (OAFE) is currently in the early stages of creating *Agri-Trekking Phase 2*, an exciting, interactive, online resource for students. By using the counties as a filter, students will explore local food and agriculture in Ontario and will discover the relationship between a region's physiological characteristics and the commodities grown there.

We are calling on OAAS members for support in this new project to help us profile Ontario's counties in this new resource. We are asking you to send us any photographs that represent agriculture in your region! Some examples of what to include might be:

- Photos of your county's key commodities (being raised/grown, harvested, sold, etc.)
- Photos of key agricultural landmarks in your region
- Your county depicted in a variety of seasons
- Any photo that you feel represents agriculture in your county

Please send up to 5 photos to Rachel Hendrikse (Program Coordinator) at rachel@oafe.org by October 31, 2014. Photos should be in jpeg or png format and have the highest resolution possible (not edited). Please include the photographer's name for recognition and a description of the photo if possible (where it was taken and why it represents your county).



Please note: OAFE may not use all photos submitted and by sending in your photos you are granting OAFE permission to publish them in the resource.

We appreciate your support in this initiative. By working together we can help students gain a better understanding of agriculture in Ontario!

Ambassador Experience Day in District 13 - CONT'D





4-H Ontario

100
YEARS
1915-2015

Turning 100 is a pretty big deal.

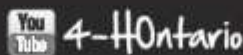
We know that marking a full century of creating strong youth leaders, building communities, and sharing the tradition of "Learn To Do By Doing" is truly something to be proud of.

That's why 4-H Ontario is rolling out plans to celebrate our centennial year in 2015, along with thousands of participants, volunteers, alumni, allies and supporters.

And as you develop your local plans for anniversary celebrations across the province, we look forward to joining in. Let's all make 2015 a year to remember — for the next century, and beyond.

For more on 4-H Ontario and our planned centennial celebrations, be sure to visit our website and follow us on social media!

www.4-HOntario.ca | 100years@4-HOntario.ca | 1.877.410.6748



OAFE 2014 Award of Excellence in Agriculture and Food Education

Each year, thousands of children and adults visit Ontario's agricultural fairs and various agriculture education and awareness events to experience a taste of the country. For many visitors, these events provide interactive opportunities to learn about agriculture and food and can serve as optimal venues for agricultural education.

Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc. (OAFE) wishes to acknowledge and encourage these interactive educational programs in Ontario. *The Award of Excellence in Agriculture and Food Education* is awarded annually to one organization that provides an outstanding agri-food education program for students and teachers.

The winner of the *Award of Excellence in Agriculture and Food Education* will be recognized on the perpetual trophy, presented with a keeper trophy, as well as receive \$100 towards an OAFE Community Level membership for the next year. The award will be presented at the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies' Annual Convention in February.

OAFE was pleased to present **the 2013 award to the Haldimand Agriculture Awareness Committee (HAAC)** for their *Agstravaganza* event for Grade 5 students and teachers held last September.

Previous winners and entrants are encouraged to submit an entry each year. All entries will be judged by an independent panel of judges from agriculture education and awareness organizations using criteria outlined on the OAFE website. **Please note:** All fairs submitting an entry for the award must be a current member of OAFE.

For more information regarding submission requirements, judging criteria and the entry form, please visit our website at www.oafe.org.

Deadline for submissions this year is **Friday, November 28, 2014**.

CHECK OUT THE OAAS WEBSITE
www.ontarioagsocieties.com

Ambassador Tool Kit, Bio-Security, Emergency Planning, Judge's List, Awards, Merchandise, Convention, Insurance, Industry Links

WANTED: CONVENTION SHOWCASE ENTERTAINMENT

Know any great entertainment ?

Have a new entertainer coming to your fair this year ?

LET THE OAAS KNOW - WE WILL INVITE THEM TO THE 2015 CONVENTION

Application deadline is early October

Complete details at www.ontarioagsocieties.com, Convention