



OAAS GAZETTE

| Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies |



Greetings from the New OAAS President... Doug Yeo, Bayfield



Spring is always that exciting time for watching renewal all around us. I do hope that you get to fully take in all aspects of Spring as you prepare for your fair season.

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It was so rewarding to see the rush on the booking of rooms for the 2020 Convention. Kathryn, our Convention Coordinator, certainly is to be congratulated for the work she, her committees and volunteers did to create a memorable experience for all those who attended this year's Convention in a new location. The committees are already planning to make the next one even better.

The OAAS is so grateful to Vince, our Manager, for his leadership, research, and determination in addressing the traceability issue. A much more clear and detailed explanation will soon be shared with the Societies to assist in being compliant with this regulation. Each of you was asked to help by sending a letter or email to the federal Agriculture Minister, your MP, and Senator Rob Black. A sample copy is on the website under:

www.ontarioagsocieties.com/member-services/judging-lists



Your actions in supporting the OAAS position will be a strong statement to the government that Agricultural Societies should be treated differently and will hopefully ensure that animal competitions are not going to be too challenging to host in the future.

The OAAS Board wholeheartedly supported the new Governance workshops that will be available to members. Several people have been trained to run the workshops to meet a growing demand for learning more about constitutions, policies and procedures, and what to do to protect the organizations. Check with your Districts to find out how you can take advantage of this new resource which was jointly developed with OMAFRA staff.

The Judging Panel has been working hard to bring this service up to date. By the end of the process we will have a modernized program which will have judges who are more uniform and consistent in their judging from fair to fair to fair. The last step will be ensuring the Judging Standards books include all competition sections and are up to date. It is a long process.

For those interested in taking a broader role in the organization, contact your District and Provincial Directors. Your ideas may be the spark that starts activity along a new path.

The spring fairs are in full action now. Another year of cultural, agricultural traditions have started throughout Ontario and across this country. The work each of you does is incredible; all to create a community event which highlights agriculture in our predominately urban environments. Our communities need this gentle reminder that food is produced by a group of women and men who are passionate about their work with challenges of markets, weather, and input costs. Thank you for your commitment in making decisions in the best interests of your Societies. I do hope all your new endeavours go well and that your community enjoys your planned experiences. If you have time, slip in to see a neighbouring fair and congratulate them on their hard work also.

Enjoy the fair season!

- Doug





May 9, 2019

RE: OAAS Day at the CNE

Thanks to the CNE for once again providing free space for their members to set up a booth. This year the OAAS Day at the CNE is on **FRIDAY, AUGUST 23**. We have the space from 10:00 am until 10:00 pm and need to ensure that there is always someone at the booth so we are looking for interested volunteers. Everyone who volunteers, before the deadline, will receive an admission pass, and if requested (and while they last) a parking pass.

While the CNE takes place in District 5 we encourage volunteers from all OAAS Districts. The deadline to sign up as a booth volunteer is **Monday, June 24**. Please email me at woodbridgefair@yahoo.com or jkean@toronto.anglican.ca with your name, contact information (email and phone number) and availability during the day plus your OAAS District number and your home fair and/or Agricultural Society.

While our main goal is to promote the OAAS and all Ontario Fairs everyone volunteering in the booth is encouraged to bring flyers and information to promote their home fair. Please note – give away items only, we are not allowed to sell anything. We like to dress the booth up. We will have two or three pull up displays from OAAS but other than that the decorations are up to us. We have several tables and plenty of wall space to display posters so if you have any ideas please share them with me. Keep in mind that we are only able to affix items to the walls with Velcro. We are going to do a kids craft again this year to help draw families into the booth, if you have an easy craft idea that has worked at your fair please let me know.

We always have a great time at the booth so please consider joining us to help celebrate and promote Ontario Fairs. If you have any questions don't hesitate to email or call.

Thank you,

Jennipher Kean
District 5

Cell: 416-804-2994

Email: woodbridgefair@yahoo.com or jkean@toronto.anglican.ca

2019 Convention Competition Results

HAND QUILTS

Grand Champion: Jill Thorpe, District 8, Stratford
Reserve Champion: Joan Cramp, District 10, Meaford

MACHINE QUILTS

Grand Champion: P.C. Forbes, District 6, Dunnville
Reserve Champion: Anne Mason, District 5, Orillia

CHOCOLATE COOKIES

Grand Champion: Thalia Hosten, District 7, Harriston-Minto
Reserve Champion: Bridget McCallum, District 8, Brussels

BUTTER TARTS

Grand Champion: Helen Moffit, District 7, Drayton
Reserve Champion: Jo Bagg, District 11, Rainy River

JUNIOR POSTERS

1st - Priya D'Souza, Milton
2nd - Ben Hayes, Lindsay
3rd - Ava Holmes, Brigden

INTERMEDIATE POSTERS

1st - Autumn Day, Providence Bay
2nd - Marin Thompson, Carp
3rd - Emily Devine, Dorchester

SENIOR POSTERS

1st - Julia Cossarin, Lindsay
2nd - Alyssa Cauchi, Comber
3rd - Sara Downey, Metcalfe



2019 OAAS Convention Partnership

Titanium

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Carp Agricultural Society

District 1, OAAS

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Caledonia Agricultural Society



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Christine Allan

Clarence Pinkney, OAAS Past President

Coldwater Agricultural Society

Colleen Anderson

Comedy in Motion - Bob Cates

Country Fair Baking

Country Heritage Ag Society

Crisco

Cumberland Township Agricultural Society

Dairy Farmers of Ontario

District 5, OAAS

District 6, OAAS

District 8, OAAS

District 13, OAAS

Doug vanWolde

Doug Yeo, OAAS President

Dunnville Agricultural Society

Edge Motor Sports

Egg Farmers of Ontario

Elmvale Agricultural Society

Erin Agricultural Society

Equine Guelph

Farco Entertainment

Farm & Food Care Ontario

Fergus Agricultural Society

Forest Agricultural Society

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Gerd Lohmann

Glencoe Agricultural Society

Grand River Inflatables

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Halton Agricultural Society

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Magical Midway

Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment

Metcalfe Agricultural Society

Neil Guthrie

OAAS Past Presidents' Association

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Plympton Wyoming Agricultural Society

Quinte Exhibition

Richmond Agricultural Society

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Rockton Agricultural Society

Roseneath Agricultural Society

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District 4, OAAS

THE LEN & IDA PATTERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Sponsored by Encore Promotional Products Inc.

The 11th Annual Len & Ida Patterson Memorial Award will be presented at the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Convention in February 2020.

Leonard Patterson worked for Nother for several years and made many contacts and friends at Ontario fairs. He volunteered and worked diligently on the Board of Mont Forest Fair, as well as for District #10, where he served as their Director on the OAAS board and was elected OAAS President in 1986.

This award is presented annually to a Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary-Treasurer, dedicated Fair volunteer, or an individual who has worked at the District Level. The candidate must have served for at least ten years, showing extraordinary dedication and innovative leadership.

Deadline: December 31, 2019

Please send your nomination to:

OAAS Past Presidents' Association,
C/O Bev Fry, 270 Sideroad 30, R.R. #1
Ripley, Ontario N0G 2R0 Phone #519-395-5732
Email: bjfry@hurontel.on.ca

There is no special nomination form. Please submit in writing, explaining in detail why you feel your candidate is deserving of this honour.

If previously nominated, please re-apply with an updated profile.



LEN & IDA PATTERSON MEMORIAL AWARD PRESENTATION

Congratulations to Eileen Brown the recipient of the 10th annual award!



(Left to Right) Iva Nay - OAAS Past Presidents' Association, Eileen Brown - 2019 Award Winner, Paul Nother, Encore Promotional Products Inc.

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Nominated by the Erin Agricultural Society where Eileen has volunteered for over 40 years, during which time she was President of the Society and Homecraft President.

Eileen has served as Secretary for over 10 years - "a demanding full-time role which requires an enormous amount of personal time and long term commitment".

Eileen supports the board with "a high degree of professionalism, respect and with a great deal of warmth and encouragement. This kind of support, at all levels, results in a huge contribution to a successful Erin Fair, year after year."

"She has a wealth of knowledge and experience which she readily shares, when needed and is always ready to assist new directors and volunteers in fulfilling the roles."

"Her composed, friendly and unassuming manner allows for a positive experience for everyone."

*Consider nominating your worthy candidate for the
2020 - Len & Ida Patterson Memorial Award!!*



2019 Photography Competition Results

Class #1: Youth Participation

1st Campbellford
2nd Schomberg
3rd Elmvale
4th Dundalk
5th Binbrook

Class #2: Adult/ Senior Involvement

1st Wilmot
2nd Orangeville
3rd Markham
4th Dundalk
5th Caledonia

Class #3: Candid shot of people having fun at your fair

1st Campbellford
2nd Thorndale
3rd Markham
4th Schomberg
5th Wilmot

Class #4: Candid shot of someone too pooped to participate anymore

1st Middleville
2nd Brigden
3rd Bayfield
4th Caledonia
5th Dundalk

Class #5: Children At the Fair

1st Caledonia
2nd Zurich
3rd Brigden
4th Markham
5th Fergus

Class #6: People with Creatures & Critters At Your Fair

1st Elmvale
2nd Markham
3rd Wilmot
4th Schomberg
5th Dundalk

Class #7: Most unusual Display at Your Fair

1st Caledonia
2nd Schomberg
3rd Markham
4th Brigden
5th Elmvale

Class #8: 4-H Involvement At Fair

1st Caledonia
2nd Campbellford
3rd Schomberg
4th Markham
5th Middleville

Class #9: Homecraft At Your Fair

1st Fergus
2nd Bayfield
3rd Wilmot
4th Campbellford
5th Orangeville

Class #10: Live Action Shows

1st Porquis
2nd Schomberg
3rd Wilmot
4th Markham
5th Campbellford

Class #11: Quilts/Handicrafts

1st Markham
2nd Middleville
3rd Wilmot
4th Campbellford
5th Thorndale

Class #12: Antiques

1st Middleville
2nd Thorndale
3rd Zurich
4th Caledonia
5th Campbellford

Class #13: Livestock

1st Campbellford
2nd Wilmot
3rd Zurich
4th Porquis
5th Bayfield

Class #14: Pet Show

1st Wilmot
2nd Campbellford
3rd Markham
4th Zurich
5th Binbrook

Class #15: Live Demo's

1st Thorndale
2nd Schomberg
3rd Markham
4th Bayfield
5th Binbrook

Class #16: Birds/Small Animals

1st Zurich
2nd Schomberg
3rd Thorndale
4th Powassan
5th Campbellford

Class #17: Showing Fair Identification

1st Elmvale
2nd Bayfield
3rd Brigden
4th Zurich
5th Wilmot

Class #18: Fair Ambassador Involvement

1st Markham
2nd Campbellford
3rd Wilmot
4th Thorndale
5th Dundalk

Class #19: Fair Theme

1st Wilmot
2nd Porquis
3rd Campbellford
4th Thorndale
5th Binbrook

Class #20: Advertising Your Fair

1st Middleville
2nd Schomberg
3rd Brigden
4th Thorndale
5th Caledonia

Class #21: Something "NEW" At The Fair

1st Schomberg
2nd Dundalk
3rd Markham
4th Thorndale
5th Fergus

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or call 403-686-8407

Spring/Summer 2019

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Porquis Agricultural Society
100th Anniversary
“Thank you”

On behalf of the PAS we would like to thank everyone who helped, donated and participated in our 100th Ann. Celebration and making it a great success.

To all of our directors, members and volunteers for working so hard this past year.

1st Vice President - Jennifer Fry

2nd Vice President - Diane Tremblay

Treasurer - Francoise Curtis

Secretary - Mona Liznick

Directors - Ryan Britton, Tammy Brown, Rachel Chepelsky, Vinna Irvine, Debbie Jensen, Courtney Plante, Estelle Renwick, Mary Anne Roschitz, Ron Ryckman, Michael Shea

Porquis Pleasure Horse Club - Ryan Britton & Jennifer Fry

To all of our sponsors for all of your great donations throughout the year, especially at fall fair time. Sponsors -- Custom Concrete, Iroquois Falls Family Dental, Town of Iroquois Falls, Iroquois Falls Northland Power, Iroquois Falls TimberMart, Caisse Populaire, Porquis Recreation Association, Gil's Trucking, Robert Berlinghoff, Sequin's Valu Mart, Hooked Up Electric, Guay's Garage, The Bus Stop, Montrock Café, Iroquois Falls Touchless Car Wash, Rosalie's, Tim Horton's, Peter Pan Hair Styling, Kathy Hill , Kristie Kimball, Sue Eddy, Silver GrillAuberge MacDonald Guest Inn, The Bargain Shop, Iroquois Falls Rec Dept.

We started our year off with our Annual General Meeting(AGM) on January 19th, exactly 100 years from the first meeting, with the unveiling of our new logo by Sandra Balloid Smith who is the granddaughter of Arthur Balloid who was the first president in 1918 and and F.C. Richardson who was the third president from 1931-32. To Jim Brown and associates for our professional new logo – Thank you!

In February we held our annual Valentines Roast Beef Dinner. Also at that time we started to work on our 100th anniversary cook book. Estelle, Mona and myself started to collect recipes and started typing them into a program along with Tara Renwick and Carey Pretsell. By the beginning of March we had a rough copy and sent it in for further editing with the hope that it would be back by the 1st of May. Our first order we

ordered 150 and then by fair time we ordered another 100 with all of them being sold by the end of the year. We have decided to take orders for them and then order more when we have enough orders.

March was the annual Easter Tea with Mike Irvine winning the chain saw carved rabbit.

In April we held a new event a Spring Coffee & Garden Party along with a Craft Show that was a great success.

May was a very busy month. The first weekend was the Sportsman Show where Mary Ann organized the booth for the selling of tickets and yes our cookbooks did arrive. Also that same weekend we hosted the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies District 14 annual Spring meeting. Then on Mother's Day we held our first Mother's Day Breakfast with Jackie Irvine winning the "Turtle" wood carving.

June started with Education Day with two schools attending – Iroquois Falls Public School and Ecole Saints- Martyrs – Canadiens. Thank you to Fran Cote, Jim & Elaine Keizer, Robert & Renelle O'Connor and Christine Lambert for making and presenting displays for the children. The teachers and children were very pleased with what we had to offer them. The following day we had an Antique Display along with a Pie Auction at our first Western Gaming Show.

Our new sign went up at the north end of our property. The Iroquois Falls Secondary School students built the sign as a school project, we supplied the materials and then our volunteers and directors pitched in and added the finishing touches. It should be there for many years. Thank you to teacher Kevin Robinson and all the students who worked on the sign. The Father's Day breakfast was well attended with Mary Lou Graham winning the "Old Man" wood carving.

The Western Gaming Horse Shows started in June and ran July, August and September. Thank you to Jennifer and Ryan.

August we were in Fall Fair mode. New this year was our Antique Equipment Display. Thank you to the Jim Clarke family for the new pieces, Custom Concrete for the concrete and Debbie & Wilf Jensen for the signage. To Mike and Monteith Correctional for the painting of the equipment and to all that helped with the preparation and the setting it up. It is a great addition to our grounds and we will continue to add to it.



The grass was cut, signs were made and put up, the garbage cans were painted and a new Sponsor board was made and placed on the shed with all sponsors displayed on it. Inside the hall the tables were set to receive exhibits.

What would an Anniversary be with out a parade? Thank you to Estelle and family for organizing and participating as well. To all the others who participated to make it a success. To our special judges – the Leach family, former residents who spent the weekend here for the 100th Anniversary. It was so nice to see you again.

To Diane and Vinna for an excellent Baby Show. The bags were very well done.

Mike the live entertainment is always a great addition. Thanks to Carl Cashmore for being our Auctioneer.

Ryan, great job on the Heavy Horse pulls, Wilf and Troy thank you for the equipment and set ups.

To Debbie, Diane and Courtney for a very enjoyable evening Saturday with the live entertainer Mike Trudell. The music was great.

Jim Keizer, what a volunteer you are. Thank you for the 399 photos you took at the fair and also for preparing the CD for the Photography Contest to be held at the 2019 Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies in Toronto in February. We will run the photos at our Annual General Meeting on January 22, 2019 and also try to get them on our website soon.

To Ron who is always there and everyone who helped with set up, clean up and take down, job well done.

To the breakfast crews for the year and also the teas, thank you.

To Estelle for her devotion to tallying the points of all the fair participants, for ordering the plaques and trophies and for organizing the Awards Night presentations. Thank you for an excellent job. This year we gave out over \$2,400.00 in prize money and over \$300.00 in gift certificates from our local sponsors.

Without our local sponsors we would not be able to have Eric the Juggler, Wolf Creek Chainsaw Carving and Terry Bailey the Farrier (who was also at our Education Day). These displays helped to make our fair more entertaining and interesting for all. To the Enterprise for always being there and supporting us with having a reporter at all our events and then sharing with the community.

To all persons who have supported us by purchasing tickets for our draws! The winner of the bear Draw at Fall Fair was Maggie Roussy. To Isobel Davidson for her help with the 100th Anniversary Quilt and to Lisa Mousseau for purchasing the winning ticket.

I'm sure I have forgotten someone but not intentionally and for that I am sorry.

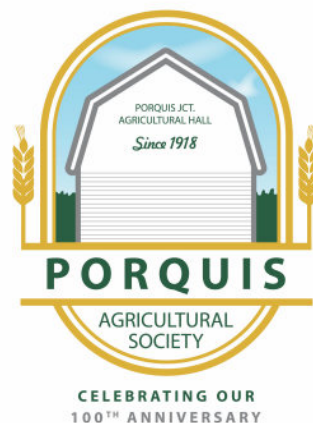
To all of our Directors, Volunteers and all of you "Thank you, thank You, thank You" because all of you have made this happen.

This has been an Anniversary to remember by the oldest organization in Iroquois Falls.

Betty Dupuis

100th Anniversary President

"2018"





2019 OAAS Sheraton Parkway Hotel, Richmond Hill

LOVE GROWING TOMATOES AND BEING RECOGNIZED FOR GROWING THE BEST TOMATOES?

Seaforth Fall Fair just might be the place to prove your horticultural strengths. This year they are offering a “\$1,000 Tomato Trio” class. There will be a \$1,000 prize for the 3 best slicing tomatoes. The tomatoes must be grown by the exhibitor. The tomato variety must be named on the entry tag. Stems must be on the tomatoes. Tomatoes should not be washed with a maximum size of 10 cm in diameter. They will be judged on uniformity (same size, colour & firmness, etc.). All exhibitors must agree to promotion, i.e. print, radio, television, video and social media.

Tomato growers certainly have enough incentive with \$1,000 for first prize, \$200 for second prize, and \$100 for third prize. Even the kids get a chance to prove their growing abilities with \$100, \$50, and \$25 top prizes.

Test your green thumb abilities at your local fair, fine tune what is needed to win and consider entering this new competition in Seaforth. A new tomato champion will
Spring/Summer 2019 crowned September 12-14.

Michael Philpott Honoured by OAAS

Details

Published: 08 April 2019

Kids who come to the West Niagara Fair should love Michael Philpott. He's the chairperson of the Kidz Zone at the fair. He is the one who makes sure there is toy tractors and corn to play in, mystery farm objects and saddles to try out. His area is pretty popular. He is also in charge of parking (that might not make him so popular) and he runs the successful Junk in the Trunk garage sale every spring. It is also been said that he keeps the floors of the Community Building nice and shiny.

Philpott was recognized by his peers and awarded a Meritorious Service Award at the recent Ontario Association of Agriculture Societies convention in Toronto.

"My history with the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies started with the Lincoln Agricultural Society and then the joining of the Lincoln and the Smithville Agricultural Society."

In 2006, he took on the challenge of becoming a District 6 associate agricultural director and then an agricultural director, which he was until 2017 when the OAAS started downsizing the provincial board.

"Presently I am a District 6 director along with Shirley Peer and Rachel Anderson. Together with the district executives – provincial director Heather Dillon, secretary Sylvia Parr and treasurer Kathy Smith – as a team we try to inspire and support our 12 fair/societies in our district. Our mission is to act as a resource for the societies, providing leadership through communication, resources, education and encouraging the promotion of a rural way in Ontario."

He humbly states, "My Meritorious Services Award was for working with societies in the district that were experiencing MPAC issues from municipalities challenging the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act. I worked with the societies, political members, the OAAS and with support from OMAFRA. All were supportive in the protection of the act as it is. I have enjoyed working with all the societies in our district and provincially."

Congratulations Michael Philpott.

Article by Ann Marie Chechalk at NiagaraThisWeek.com



From left: Vince Brennan, Michael Philpott, Judy McFaul.

Check it Out...

Meritorious Service Award - Years of Service Award - Accomplishment Award

For further information please head over to our website and don't forget to order well in advance. It is a great way to recognize our volunteers!





Choosing the Right Floor Safe for your Society

Floor safes protect small valuable items like paper documents, data and media, or money. Safes are rated from Class 1 to Class 6, depending on the safe's resistance to burglary.

The higher the number, the more burglar resistant the safe. Class 4 is typically the highest class of safe commonly seen on the market. The following information aims to help you choose the right safe for your business. There are basically three types of safes commonly used today.

Fire safes

Fire safes protect paper products from fire related damage. Fire safes are not intended to protect their contents from burglary. Fire safes come in fire resistance ratings of one, two or four hours. They are normally rated as a Class 1 safe, meaning they provide minimal burglary resistance.

Data safes

Data safes protect computer data on various media materials from fire.

Burglar resistant safes

Burglar resistant safes protect and store items like jewelry or cash. They are designed to withstand attack from a variety of hand tools or oxy-acetylene torches. Values contained within these units can range up to \$50,000.

They are rated based on:

- * Class 2, Class 3 or Class 4
- * Designated as torch resistant (TR), explosives resistant (X) and/or tool resistant (TL)
- * Able to withstand 15, 30 or 60 minutes of attack with specified item
- * Whether the door side of the safe was tested or all six sides were tested. "X6" indicates that safe has been tested on all six sides.

For storing money in a building overnight, regardless of the total amount stored, follow these guidelines:

- * Use a heavy safe or bolt it to the floor
- * Install a motion sensor and video monitors by the safe
- * Install a burglar alarm (see Choosing the Right Burglar Alarm for more information).

For up to \$2,000, use a Class 1 safe and a burglar alarm with a monitored system.

For up to \$10,000, use a Class 2 safe and a monitored burglar alarm.

For up to \$20,000, use a Class 3 safe and a burglar alarm with alarm line security, which sounds an alarm if the signal from your burglar alarm is disrupted.

For up to \$50,000, use a Class 4 safe and a burglar alarm with alarm line security.

When considering a safe for your business, consult an approved service provider to help determine the protection you need.

This bulletin is not a substitute for a thorough loss prevention assessment and is intended to provide information only. To discuss your specific situation, contact:

Shawn LaPalm
Ontario Agricultural Society Insurance Program
1-888-712-2667 or email shawn_lapalm@cooperators.ca

WE ARE GOING BACK !!!

February 13 - 15, 2020

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2020 Convention: February 13th-15th, **Sheraton Parkway Toronto North**



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<https://www.ontarioagsocieties.com/member-services/judging-lists> lots of information here check it out

<https://www.ontarioagsocieties.com/member-services/oaas-awards> OAAS Awards information

<https://www.ontarioagsocieties.com/member-services/competitions> OAAS Competitions

<https://www.ontarioagsocieties.com/member-services/judging-standards-books-fair-passports> Handbooks etc.

<https://www.ontarioagsocieties.com/member-services/service-members> Information for Service Members

<https://www.ontarioagsocieties.com/member-services/grant-information> Grant information

<https://www.ontarioagsocieties.com/board/district-information> District information

<https://www.ontarioagsocieties.com/board/policies-and-procedures> OAAS Policies and Procedures

<https://www.ontarioagsocieties.com/board/constitution-and-by-laws> OAAS Constitution

<https://www.ontarioagsocieties.com/convention/convention-photos/588-2019-photo-competition> 2019 Photo Competition

<https://www.ontarioagsocieties.com/convention/2019-convention-info> Other Convention information etc.

<https://www.ontarioagsocieties.com/about-us> About OAAS

<https://www.ontariofairs.ca/> Home page

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1S5WsWAlm84HV1uW-gwQjE1nmlD7R0w2&ll=46.059858631495125%2C-84.23811874999996&z=5> Google map link to our Fairs

<https://www.ontariofairs.ca/fairs> List of OAAS Fair information

<https://www.ontariofairs.ca/photo-gallery> Some photos from Ag Societies (more photos welcome)



- SNAP SHOT -





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Metro teams up with The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair to shine spotlight on local producers

Partnership with Metro and their Locally Sourced program offers food competition participants increased exposure, opportunities and incentives

June 14, 2019 [Toronto, ON] – The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair announced today a new incentive for food competition entrants at this year’s Fair. Through a partnership with Metro Ontario grocery stores, all 2019 competitors will have the exciting opportunity to be evaluated by the grocer’s product specialists, food experts and executives, with the opportunity to be selected for their Locally Sourced program. Metro will be looking for entrepreneurs on the cusp of being ready for retail, and selected partners will receive business coaching, marketing support and shelf space at Metro locations.

Since 1922, the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair has been Canada’s premier showcase for excellence in food products, such as honey, maple, cheese, butter and preserves. Successful competitors have seen business growth from the awards in excellence and Royal bragging rights. Royal Rosettes are helpful in promoting and differentiating brands, increasing exposure and sales.

“People are paying very close attention to where their food is coming from and who the people and businesses are behind that food,” said Charlie Johnstone, CEO of The Royal. “We knew that we wanted to build something special for 2019 that really showcased all of the great small businesses and hopeful amateurs that we see every year in our food competitions. When we saw what Metro was doing with their Locally Sourced program we knew it was a natural fit, and we are so pleased to have them on board to help present Spotlight on Local.”

As part of the partnership, successful entrants may earn distribution in Metro stores regionally or across Ontario, an introduction to Metro’s private brands or the opportunity to work with Metro to develop products and scale. This is in addition to the traditional benefits of entry into The Royal competitions - tremendous exposure at the country’s most prestigious agricultural event, with the winners featured in the Fair’s media and marketing communications.

“As a neighbourhood grocer, we are always looking to tailor our product offering to the community through our Locally Sourced program. This partnership with The Royal represents our mutual recognition and support of Ontario-based suppliers. We look forward to seeing the best that Ontario producers have to offer,” says Joe Fusco, Senior Vice President, Metro.

Food competition winners will be on display and sampled throughout the duration of the Fair in the Champions Showcase, within the brand-new feature: **Spotlight on Local**, presented by Metro.

For more information please email foodcompetitions@royalfair.org

About The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

Every year in November, more than 300,000 guests visit The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, which is the world's largest combined indoor agricultural and equestrian show in the world. Held at Exhibition Place in Toronto, the Fair showcases Canada's leaders in agricultural, food, and equine excellence.

About METRO INC.

With annual sales of approximately \$16 billion, METRO INC. is a leader in food and pharmacy sectors in Québec, Ontario and Eastern Canada. With its retailer, franchisor, manufacturer and distributor activities, it operates a network of more than 600 food stores under several banners, including Metro, Metro Plus, Super C and Food Basics, as well as close to 700 drugstores primarily under the Jean Coutu, Brunet, Metro Pharmacy and Drug Basics banners, providing employment to close to 90,000 people. For more details, visit corpo.metro.ca.

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Hello from your... OAAS Manager, Vince Brennan.

Greetings! Finally, Summer and nice weather has arrived!! It certainly has been a long cool, wet spring and been extremely difficult for our farmers and gardeners. Here's hoping to a warm summer with enough but not too much rain.

2019 is continuing to be as busy as the previous years for me.

It's hard to believe that it has been 4 months since the Convention. Kudos to Kathryn and all the volunteers that worked so hard to organize and stage this year's Convention. It was a big task moving to the Sheraton, but it was a very successful event and we certainly received a lot of favourable comments on the move.

Here are some highlights from some of the items I have been working on.

- ♦ Traceability – I have been working with Christina Francs from CAFE to collect information to create a Traceability Requirements Guide for Agricultural Societies`. It will clearly describe what your Agricultural Society needs to do to be compliant with the CFIA Traceability Requirements and what information you should share with your exhibitors to ensure that they are compliant as well. It is currently in the proofreading stage and I will be sending it out to you shortly.
- ♦ We will be working with CAFE and our provincial counterparts to update our Position Paper to present to CFIA and other stakeholders regarding the changes we want to see in the current and proposed Traceability Requirements.
- ♦ The Judging Panel is meeting on a regular basis and working to create a Judging Program that will ensure that we have sufficient properly trained Judges and Instructors in each District. We are working on documentation (i.e. Requirements for OAAS Certified and Apprentice Judges, etc.). It seems that with every step forward, there are two more requirements that need to be investigated! Please be patient – if you have suggestions, questions or concerns about our Judging Program – please contact me via email or snail mail.
- ♦ Just a reminder that we have 3 different awards to recognize your volunteers and sponsors. Please see our website for details on the awards - Meritorious Service, Accomplishment Award, and Years of Service.
www.ontarioagsocieties.com/member-services/oaas-awards. Please allow at least 4 weeks for delivery.
- ♦ Service Members – The OAAS is always looking for new Service Members so that our Agricultural Societies will have a larger selection of vendors, suppliers, entertainers, etc. on our website. An added benefit to increasing the number of Service Members is that an increase in Service Members equals an increase in our income, which allows us to provide services for our membership without increasing fees to our Agricultural Societies,

We are asking you to approach any of your suppliers, vendors, entertainers, etc. at your fair or in your community, that are not currently OAAS Service Members and give them a copy of OAAS `Benefits of Being a Service Member` brochure and ask if they would be interested in becoming a Service Member. You should have received several copies of the brochure in your spring package. If you need more copies, please contact your Provincial and District Directors or me.

Wishing everyone all the best for your upcoming events. Happy Fairs and a Very Happy Canada Day to all of you!!
Respectfully,

Vince

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