Are you ready for the 2018 Convention?

The best way to stay updated on everything while being “mobile” at the 2018 Convention!!

TEXT OAAS TO 767638

Shhh SILENT AUCTION & AHHhh LIVE AUCTION!
Just a sneak peak at one of the lovely auction items. Stop by and check out the treasures!
## CONVENTION SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

**Thursday, February 15, 2018**

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<td>8:00 am - 5:00 pm</td>
<td>Receive &amp; Bidding Silent Auction items</td>
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<td>8:30 am - 10:00 am</td>
<td>Opening Ceremonies: OAAS Board Introductions, Len &amp; Ida Patterson Memorial Award, Fairs</td>
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<td>9:00 am - 4:30 pm</td>
<td>Guests &amp; Keynote Speaker: Marla Calico</td>
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<td>Ambassador Program (lunch is provided)</td>
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<td>Viewing of Crafts, Machine Quilts, Tarts, Cookies, Posters, Photography</td>
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<td>Pick up Crafts, Posters, Tarts, Cookies &amp; Quilts</td>
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<td>5:30 pm - 7:00 pm</td>
<td>Pick up Silent Auction winning bid items</td>
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<td>Doors Open to Friday Evening Showcase</td>
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<td>Friday Evening Showcase: Introduction of Ambassadors, Live Auction, Entertainment</td>
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<td>9:00am</td>
<td>Ambassador Program</td>
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<td>9:00 am</td>
<td>Introduction of OAAS Provincial Directors &amp; Executive</td>
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<td>10:30 am</td>
<td>Closing Ceremonies/ Adjournment</td>
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**OAAS Convention Auctions !!!**

**Live Auction** is taking place on **Friday, February 1st**, at the Ambassador Introductions before Evening Showcase.

**Silent Auction** is taking place on **Thursday & Friday** in the Ontario Room.

Please join us in the OAAS Hospitality Suite, Van Horne Suite, 1st floor on Thursday & Friday, 10:00pm–12:00am.

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**CHECK IT OUT ...**

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

**ALL DAY FRIDAY**

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**TRADESHOW** over 70 exhibitors

**WELCOME TO MANY NEW EXHIBITORS FOR 2018**

Located in the **CANADIAN ROOM**, all day Friday.

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**Thank You**

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**FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SHOWCASE**

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

- Team T&J
- Farmtastic Soundz
- Little Buckaroos
- Yvette & Her Puppet Friends
- The Party Magician
- The Comedy Cowboy
- Rock the Arts Puppets
- The Stylamanders
- Dufflebag Theatre
- Sopher Creek Wildlife Rescue
- Illusionist Dan Kranz

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**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION WINNER**

**ELEANOR HODGES, NAVAN**

Complimentary Dinner for Two in EPIC (value $200.00)

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**CHECK OUT OAAS Convention Photography Competition Results**

Convention Floor

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**Informations Booth**

(located adjacent to Registration)

- OAAS Merchandise For Sale: Passports, Judging Handbooks, Convention Questions & Answers

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

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**Thank You for supporting the**

**MINI AG-AWARENESS TRADESHOW** is taking place Friday February 16th located outside Canadian Room, 9:00am – 4:30pm

**WHAT TO PACK IN YOUR SUITCASE FOR CONVENTION ????**

- Hotel confirmation number
- Auction items (for live & silent auction)
- Homecraft entries (posters, cookies, tarts, 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
- All your fair friends !!!
Ambassador Schedule

Unless otherwise stated, Ambassador programming will be in Confederation 5/6 on the Main Mezzanine (MM) floor

Thursday February 15, 2018
1:00pm - 5:00 pm & 6pm – 8pm  Registration, Confederation 5/6 Room
3:00pm  Pin Swap and Meet and Greet
5:00pm  Dinner with Ag Society
7:00pm  Thursday Evening Showcase
9:00pm - 11:00pm  Hospitality Suite

Friday February 16, 2018
7:00am – 4:00pm  Registration
8:30am  Opening Ceremonies
10:30am - 11:30am  Program - Rotation 1
11:30am - 12:30pm  CNE Presentation Erica Sayles
12:45pm - 1:15pm  Lunch (provided)
1:30pm - 2:30pm  Program - Rotation 2
3:00pm - 4:00pm  Program - Rotation 3
4:00pm  Dinner with Ag Society
6:45pm  Group Picture
7:30pm  Friday Evening Showcase & Ambassador Introductions
9:00pm - 11:00pm  Hospitality Suite

Saturday February 17, 2018
9:00am - 10:00am  Wrap Up and Thank-yous
10:00am - 11:00am  Closing Speaker Katie O’Brien

We hope all the Ambassadors will have a great time!!
Nearly 50% of the Agricultural Societies have already accessed the online link to update their 2018 Fair Directory information. Thanks to those that have updated their information. If you and/or your Fair hasn’t updated your 2018 information, please do this ASAP.

If your Fair has not already updated your Fair Directory Information, below is some additional information which was sent out to all the Fairs on Jan 25.

We have implemented a new process for collecting your information this year. We are using the AssistExpo program for the first time. Our hope is that it should simplify the process for collecting this information as well as ensuring that the information is accurate, and that no information is missed. You will have to input all of your Fair date, location and contact information this year but for future Directories, you should have to only update the Fair Date information.

Here is the link to access the form to update your Fair Information for the Directory;

https://www.assistexpo.ca/oaas-directory

If your fair currently uses the AssistExpo program or you used AssistExpo to register for the Convention, the “Fairs and Exhibitions Directory” form should be relatively straightforward to complete.

If you have not used AssistExpo previously or have any questions on completing any of the fields, please read the instructions below. If you need more detailed instructions, please see the attached document – “AssistExpo Directory Instructions” – it has more details and pictures of the screens to guide you in completing the form.

IMPORTANT – please ensure all applicable fields are filled out accurately. The information on these forms will be used to create the printed “Ontario Fairs and Exhibitions Directory” and update the Ontario Fairs website and Agricultural Society Contact lists for Office Manager.

We are asking you to log in and input your Fair information as soon as possible – the deadline is February 28. The information on the system as of that date will be included in the printed “Ontario Fairs and Exhibitions Directory” that is distributed across Ontario. Any information input after February 28th will only be on the Ontario Fairs website.

Here is the link to article on the website – it contains some more information and the links to the AssistExpo form, the instructions and a copy of the 2017 Directory


Thanks to all the fairs that have paid your Affiliation Fees. If you haven’t they are past due as of January 1st. If your fair hasn’t paid, below is link for paying your affiliation fees

https://www.ontarioagsocieties.com/member-services/affiliation-fees
I’m looking forward to seeing each of you at our 2018 OAAS Convention.

Sincerely yours,

- Vince

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