

NATIONAL AWARDS

CAFE is proud to offer the chance to celebrate and acknowledge individuals and organizations involved in the industry and the great things they are

doing across the nation. Awards are presented each year at our annual convention.



CANADIAN FAIR CHAMPION AWARD

Recognizes “that special someone” who goes the extra mile for your Fair or Agricultural Society.

Congratulations to Cathy Redden, OAAS Past President, on receiving a Canadian Fair Champion Award - nominated by OAAS

Catherine Redden has been a dedicated, knowledgeable leader while serving on the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) Board of Directors and Executive from 2011 until 2017. She encouraged and facilitated (almost single-handedly) the start of a transformation in the

organization, moving it forward in to the 21st century. As a result, the organization has a new and updated Constitution, Governance Model and Policies and Procedures and is proceeding forward in a positive manner as a strong, vibrant and contributing organization in rural Ontario. The OAAS has a membership of over 210 Agricultural Societies in 15 Districts.

In addition to her service on the Provincial Board, Cathy is very involved with the Campbellford-Seymour Agricultural Society for over 35 years and served as President in 2001-2002.

In addition to her work with the OAAS, Cathy has been very involved in numerous other organizations. Cathy’s background includes over a decade on municipal council (1989-2000) where she served as a Councillor for one year and three additional terms as Mayor of Campbellford. Cathy returned to Municipal Council in 2014 when she was elected to the Council of the Municipality of Trent Hills, Northumberland County.

After leaving politics, she became a Lieutenant Governor Appointee (lay) to the Council of Professional Engineers of Ontario (2001 to 2008) and then served as their Chief Elections Officer (2011-2014). In 2010, she was inducted into the PEO Order of Honour for her services to the profession.

In 2011 Cathy joined the Board of Directors of the Rural Ontario Institute (ROI). During her tenure with the Board she has actively involved herself in all aspects of board operations and is a strong and contributing member of the Board. She has served as Governance Committee Chair and Secretary and is currently the Vice Chairperson of the ROI Board of Directors.



Congratulations to Darren Little of Markham Fair on receiving a Canadian Fair Champion Award.



INNOVATION AWARD

What is innovation? It's a new product, service, technology or method that provides a better or more effective end result. It could be innovation in engineering, beautification, competitiveness, environmental programming.

Congratulations to Shawville Fair (Pontiac Agricultural Society), OAAS Affiliate member!
Sara Knox President



FUTURE LEADER AWARDS

These awards are to recognize exceptional performance and leadership from the "up-and- comers" in our fairs and Agricultural Societies.

Nominees must be age 40 or under
Show promise as a future leader in your organization.

There are two awards for fair staff and one for a fair volunteer.



Congratulations to:
Jessica Vanderschee, Norfolk County Fair - Authentigate Future Leader Award (staff)
Abbey McFaul, Russell Fair - CNE Future Leader Award (volunteer)

ROLL OF HONOUR AWARD

Established in 1979, this award is to recognize distinguished service by an individual or organization to the Canadian fair and exhibition industry.

Criteria:

Length of service or performance of normal duties associated with a local fair is not considered.

Nominations must demonstrate how the nominated individual or organization has made significant contributions to the industry through one or all of the following:

Leadership, Vision, Specific Expertise and/or Outstanding Service

Impact beyond their local community.



Congratulations to Kathryn Lambert – nominated by OAAS

When you think Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) Convention – you think Kathryn Lambert.

Kathryn has been the driving force behind the OAAS Convention since 2005.

Approximately 1000 people attend the Convention at the Fairmont Royal York in Toronto each February. The Convention features the AGM, speakers and seminars, Entertainment and Family Showcases, Tradeshow of Service Members, Fair Ambassador Program, live and silent auctions, large craft display as well as Provincial competitions where District winners vie for top honours for quilts, baking, and posters.



The Convention runs so smoothly that the average attendee has no idea the work that goes on in the months leading up to the Convention or during the Convention. Kathryn coordinates with many volunteers and committees as well as the Fairmont Royal York and numerous contractors to ensure that the people that attend the Convention have a worthwhile experience. Kathryn has amazing patience and calmness no matter how hectic things might be. Her strengths of efficiency and organization are incredibly remarkable.

Prior to the hiring of the current Office Manager, Kathryn was also the volunteer Secretary for the OAAS. In addition to day to day correspondence, meeting minutes, etc. she was also

responsible for the newsletter as well as compiling the Fair Directory and Fair Date Brochure and other duties.

All of this is in addition to being a wife and mother, Office Manager at Boumatic Robotics, London as well as volunteering with various organizations (including Glencoe Fair) in her local community.

Because of Kathryn's leadership, vision, hard work and dedication, the Convention is the highlight of the year for Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies. Kathryn has been a constant presence and one of the cornerstones of our organization for many years.

As one of our members expressed so well in a note he recently sent to Kathryn, ***“Just wanted to let you know the work you do has a positive effect on many.”*** We certainly agree.



(l to r) Darren Little, Jessica Vanderschee, Abbey McFaul, Kathryn Lambert, Cathy Redden

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