

NEWSLETTER: May 2024_ New OAAS Website Launches!

Greetings,

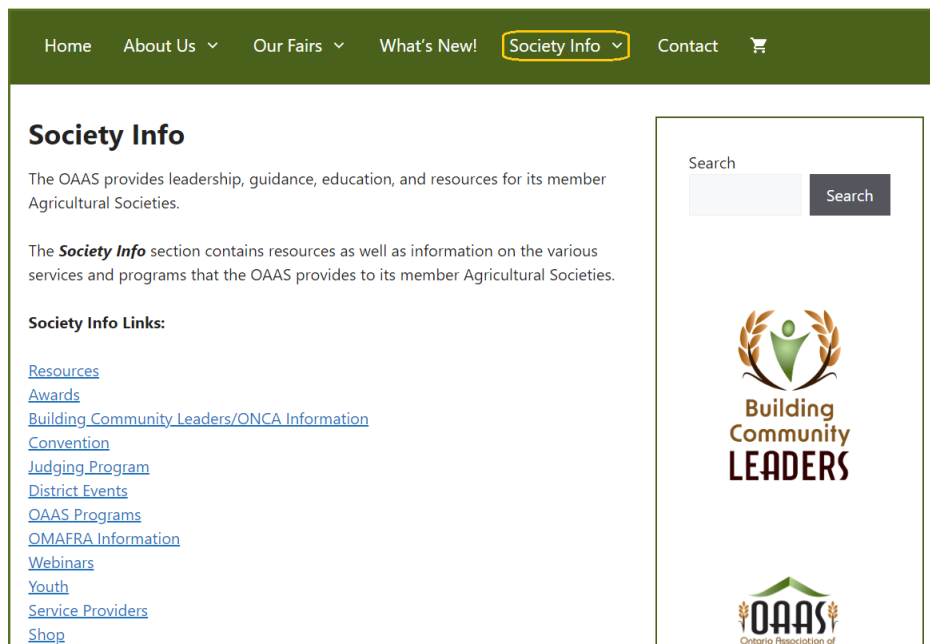
Welcome to the new OAAS website. One of our main objectives with our new website was to make information easier to find and make the site more user-friendly and accessible for our members whether you are using a computer, phone or tablet.

Here is a quick guide on navigating the new website and where to locate information on various topics.

You can also view the recording from the May 1 “*Discover the new OAAS website*” webinar at [click here](#)

1) Accessing information on the individual pages:

- a) **CLICK** on any tab in the Menu bar at the top of the website and you will be taken to the Category landing/home page, where you will have the option to click on links for the various Sub-categories.



- b) **HOVER** over any tab in the in the Menu bar at the top of the website and you will be presented with a drop-down menu of the various Sub-categories under the tab.

Click on the tabs in the Drop-down Menu to bring up the landing/home page for those Categories.



Menu Categories

We have included a list of most of the topics that are found under each of the Categories.

- **Home Page** - There are 3 boxes that contain links to topics that the OAAS is currently highlighting – our **Building Community LEADERS program**, **Judging Program** and our **Ontario Fairs** site. Click on the boxes to be taken to the section on our website that corresponds to the title.
At the bottom of the **Home Page** are some links to some of the more frequently accessed topics so that you can locate them easily on the new site – Awards; CCEA Scholarship; Webinars; First Impressions program; Resources; Youth; Convention; Service Providers; ONCA Information.
- **About Us** – OAAS Director and staff list; District Committee member list; Partners; OAAS Constitution and By-laws; OAAS Policies and Procedures; Ag & Hort Act; Ag Society Incorp. Dates; OAAS History.
- **Our Fairs** – our Ontario Fairs site.
FYI – if any of the information on your society page is incorrect, your society must log into the AssistExpo Directory module and update the information to have it corrected on the website.
- **What's New!** – Newsletters and Press Releases
- **Society Info** - all the information from the previous website relating to programs, resources and information for our agricultural societies is located under the **Society Info** tab.
- **Contact** – OAAS contact info; option to send us an email

2) Accessing Sub Categories under the Society Info page:

- a) **CLICK** on any tab in the **Society Info** Dropdown Menu bar and you will be taken to the Sub-category landing page, where you will have the option to click on links for the various topics.
- b) **HOVER** over any tab in the **Society Info** Dropdown Menu and you will be presented with a drop-down menu of the various Sub-categories under the tab

'Society Info' menu Sub-Categories

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- **Resources** – Login for OAAS Directory Updates; AssistExpo Instructions; Police Record Checks; OAAS Membership renewal info; Forms; Safety & Animal Health info; Premises ID #s list; OAAS logos
- **Awards** – Application forms for awards
- **Building Community LEADERS/ONCA Info** – Info and Registration form for Building Community LEADERS workshops; ONCA – Webinar links and recordings
- **Convention** – District & Provincial Competitions rules;
- **Judging Program** – Judges Lists; Judging School dates and locations calendar; Judges Requirements; Forms; Instructor Lists

IMPORTANT: due to Privacy regulations, the general public will no longer be able to see contact information (emails, phone #s, mailing addresses) for Judges. Persons within Agricultural Societies and District Committees that are normally required to contact Judges or Instructors as a part of their duties will be provided with access to contact information.

Username and passwords and login instructions have been sent to Agricultural Society Secretaries, and District Judging Contacts and Secretaries.

- **District Events** – a calendar lists all District Events including meetings, Ambassador events and Judging Schools
- **OAAS Programs** – First Impressions
- **OMAFRA Information** – OMAFRA Annual Returns; Promoting Ag Careers program
- **Webinars** – Date/time and registration/login information for all upcoming Webinars; Recordings of the 2024 and 2023 webinars
- **Youth** – OAAS 175th CCEA Scholarship; Youth Involvement within Agricultural Societies Program; Outstanding Youth Recognition Award; OAAS Convention Ambassadors Program; CNE Ambassador of the Fairs Program
- **Service Providers** – names and contact info for the Service Providers
- **Shop** – purchase Judging Standards Handbooks; Fair Passports

3) Updates, broken links, errors

We will be monitoring the new website to ensure all the links are correct and working and that all of the information has been transferred from the previous website.

If you find any broken links, missing information or errors, please email us the details at oaas@oaasfairs.com.

Thanks for your patience,

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