

# PRE CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

Thursday February 19

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## **JUDGING SCHOOL: PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Registration 8:30am Judging School: 9am-2pm, Richmond A Room*

Judging photography is about more than deciding whether an image looks good. It involves evaluating technical skill, creative vision, and the message behind the photograph. In this presentation, you will explore the key principles used to judge photography fairly and effectively using the OAAS judging standards.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Terri Mand

Please register online at <https://ontarioagsocieties.com/judging-schools/>

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## **JUDGING SCHOOL: ANTIQUES**

*Registration 8:30am Judging School: 9am-2pm, Richmond B Room*

‘Antiques: Bringing the Past into the Present!’ Have you always wanted to learn to judge antiques? Are you already an OAAS Antiques judge that needs a judging school to remain active in this area? Are you a Fair that would like to bring an Antiques section to your Fair? If yes, come and join us at this Pre-Convention Judging school. Join us for an antiques judging school to learn about identifying key aspects, criteria and indicators for what the judge looks for when judging antiques at our Fairs. We will have hands on learning for different genres of antiques as we work our way through several mock judging scenarios.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Jeannie Seguin

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## **THE FUTURE OF FAIRS: GOVERNANCE, GRANTS, AND GROWTH PLANNING**

*Registration 9:30am Workshop: 9am-2pm, Richmond C Room*

Join a conversation on sustaining agricultural societies through governance renewal, funding diversification, and leadership development. Moderated by Marnie Lapierre, this panel invites experienced fair leaders to share best practices for building resilient organizations.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Marnie Lapierre

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## **WORKPLACE APPRECIATION**

*Registration 9:30am Workshop: 9am-2pm, Richmond D Room*

This energizing, hands-on experience gets people talking, laughing, and genuinely understanding what makes others feel valued. Participants will discover the five languages of appreciation at work, how to spot and use them with their teams and volunteers, and simple ways to create a culture where people actually want to show up and give their best.

Expect a mix of insight, self-reflection, and a few “ohhh, that’s why that didn’t land” moments, all wrapped in real stories from volunteer life and leadership.

**PRESENTER:** Kryssie Thomson

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