



CFBA News

Newsletter of the Canadian Farm Builders Association

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Greetings, I hope that everyone has had a good summer. Not just in business but with your families and time spent with friends. As often as the hectic pace of life and work gets us down, we tend to find ourselves putting everything ahead of our relationships. This just does not mean time with families but also time spent with our friends. I know, as I have been putting off that Golf game with some Buddy's that just never seemed important enough in the overall scheme of things. Well yesterday we finally shut the Blackberries off long enough to get together. As we stood up on a hill overlooking a beautiful laid out fairway we remarked how pretty the fall colors were coming in and how much fun we were having. We then lamented as to why we did not take the time more often to enjoy each other's company.

This was evident as we all got together for the CFBA annual Golf get together at a beautiful and challenging Grey Silo Golf Course. The turn out was tremendous and everyone had a great time. The conversations that went on between everyone was proof enough that we do not take enough time during the year as everybody needed to catch up on what's been going on. Even the rain delay did not dampen spirits but actually allowed a further opportunity for fellowship. The spirited discussions that took place under the shelter at the halfway house with the rain coming down were enjoyable in its self. The meal was excellent and I know everyone went away happy.

In this time of economic uncertainty it is nice to know we have the strength of our organization to not only lend technical advice but, sometimes just allow a venue for the social support that we all receive from our meetings. To this end I ask for all members to support as our upcoming Annual General Meeting will soon be upon us. This year we have a new venue and a broader social program so that we can continue to provide, not only the technical support but, a strong social setting for our members. I would like to thank Director Stephanie Stone who is organizing the Annual General Meeting for the tremendous amount of effort she has put in so far as well as the capable support of our Manager Mike Parker.

I hope that all members reward their efforts by attending and look forward to the continued relationships that will be developed.

Sincerely
Robert D. Fyles
President
Simcoe Block (1979) Ltd.



A special **thank-you** goes out to Our sponsors for this years' CFBA annual golf tournament. Through your generous support a good time was had by all.



From: Paul McCaig
Project Manager
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Also the winners of this years' CFBA Annual Gold Tournament were as follows:

Longest Drive: Mark Walker

Closest to the Pin: Ron Gretch

1st Place Team: Rob Gretch
Marty Lamers
Randy Bouhweer
Gary Bouhweer

2nd Place Team: Lyle Martin
Dan Dreveny
Mark Walker
Murray Leis

3rd Place Team: Orno Adair
Paul McCann
Al Vanderloan
Steve Zupko

ATTENTION BUILDERS

**Get those photos taken of
this year's projects**



Check the CFBA website
for the forms for the
Project of the Year
registration.

or contact Mike @ (519) 271-0811



The NCA news serves as a voice for the local commercial/industrial construction industry, this monthly newsletter will keep you in the know about your local Association.

Stay current with the latest news on special events, networking opportunities, new members, safety news, training courses, showcasing of members and industry-related news including highlights from Canadian Construction Association and the Gold Seal program. For example: Stay tuned for the new date for the Annual Safety Symposium and Trade Show. The CSAO Niagara Regional Labour Management Committee will present "Crisis Management". (Recipient of the Gill Samson Award 2005). This Association belongs to you...the Members.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES:

- October 2-4 - SAE'S NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND SHOWCASE – Vancouver
- October 1-2 - DBI NATIONAL DESIGN-BUILD CONFERENCE – Toronto
- March 1& 2 - CANADIAN CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE BUILDING ON THE SPIRIT OF THE DESERT – Scottsdale, Arizona

*By: Karin Sheldrick, Manager
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CONSTRUCTION LINK:

Construction Links your definitive source for information on products and services available for sustainable building in Canada. The Link our monthly-e-publication reports on current issues within the construction industry in Canada. Articles in this edition include:

- * Watch for the Link's new design.
- * More than 1,200 Professionals Attend Green Building Summit
- * RAIC is pleased to announce its 2008 President's Award in Architectural Journalism
- * It's Easy Being Green
- * The Green Building Festival

For more information go to: www.constructionlinks.ca

NATIONAL FRAME BUILDING ASSOCIATION & AWARDS:

Frame Building Expo – Nashville, Tennessee February 24-27, 2009

"DARE TO GROW"

Continuing Education – Accredited Post-Frame Builder Program

"Exhibitor Showcase" Sessions – Product manufacturers and distributors educate convention attendees about their products in Exhibitor Showcase sessions.

"NFBA/ASABE Conference for Engineers"

In coordination with ASABE, NFBA has organized a conference especially tailored for professional engineers at the *Expo* since 2003.

The award programs NFBA currently offer are:

1. The Building of the Year Contest
2. The Bernon G. Perkins Award
3. The Honorary Member Award
4. The Gail Miller Safety Award, Sponsored by Dynamic Fastener
5. Board of Directors/Supplier Council Recommendation Form
6. Crew Foreman of the Month, Sponsored by ABC Supply Co.

By: James T. Knight, NFBA President



[GOLD SEAL MONTHLY UPDATE](#)

*By: Andrew Shepherd
CCA Gold Seal Program Manager*

Time is running out to qualify for the upcoming Gold Seal Exam, scheduled for October 17. Completed applications should be submitted to your local construction association no later than mid-September.

Citing “a tremendous increase in the scope and complexity of construction management challenges”, John Schubert, CCA Gold Seal Committee Chair, announced this summer that the minimum experience level for Gold Seal certification will move to 5 years beginning January 1, 2009. “Technical knowledge, new building and management techniques, regulatory compliance and safety and environmental legislation have introduced challenges we had never heard of in the past – today’s managers are forced to be at the top of their game”, said Schubert. Applications received before January 1, 2009 will not be affected.

Since 1993, over 6,500 Project Managers, Superintendents, Estimators and, more recently, Construction Safety Coordinators, have been certified through Gold Seal. Aside from an early period of grandfathering, the program saw very steady certification rates of about 150 each year. In 2006, however, the certification rate doubled to 300. In 2007, it doubled again to 600. What lies behind the surge of interest in Gold Seal? The answer, for the most part, is the emergence of a corporate-level interest in management certification. In the past few months, more than a dozen companies have asked all of their construction managers to become certified. In the fall of 2008, we’ll be examining some of the reasons behind this, and the benefits to large and small companies.

Did you know that your trades experience provides credits toward a Gold Seal certification? A construction-related trades license will assist in advancing toward certification as a Project Manager, Superintendent or Estimator. And, commencing earlier this year, experience as a heavy equipment operator qualifies for credit towards certification as a Superintendent, Road building and Heavy Construction.

For more information on Gold Seal visit: www.goldseal.com

[EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM INNOVATIONS CENTER](#)

- Using Standard Form Contracts for Construction and Design Services: Mississauga, September 22-23, 2008
- Designing Temporary Structures for Vertical Construction, Mississauga, September 25-26, 2008
- Fluid Flow, Mixing and Heat Transfer, Mississauga, October 28-29, 2008
- Asphalt Pavement Rutting and Crack Repair, Mississauga, September 16-17
- Managing Snow and Deicing Operations, Mississauga, October 6-7
- Soil Vapour Transport, Mississauga, October 27-28

To learn more or to registry go to info_Ontario@seminars.epic-edu.com

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ONTARIO FOOD INITIATIVES

By Jane Muegge
Regional Information Co-ordinator

New announcement on the Ontario Market Investment Fund - Its intent is to provide financial assistance promoting consumer awareness of Ontario-produced foods and encourage Ontarians to buy locally. I feel there are opportunities for new initiatives and to expand/enhance existing food projects as the objectives are: "To develop economic opportunities through trade events, marketing campaigns and industry research initiatives that foster partnerships and collaboration for the promotion of Ontario foods." There is opportunity for municipalities, producers, individuals, businesses, not-for-profit organizations, processors and more to work together. I think one of the great aspects of this fund is that there aren't due dates but rather you can apply as you organize.

INTRODUCTION: Ontario Consumers are increasingly interested in and committed to buying local food. There are varying definitions on what "local" means and it can cover the purchase of Ontario-produced foods at a supermarket to a basket of vegetables bought at a local farmers market. But we can all agree that eating more Ontario products is good for everyone. It's good for farmers, for the environment and good for our economy.

The Ontario Market Investment Fund program is a 4-year, \$12 million provincial initiative to promote consumer awareness of Ontario-produced foods and encourage Ontarians to buy locally.

You can easily download and read more about this on our website www.ontario.ca/omafra.



HURON BRUCE ONTARIO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

- * **Sept 30 – Oct 3** – Grey Bruce Children's Water Festival
- * **Oct. 1** – Tax Information Forum
- * **Oct 10** – National Local Food Day
- * **Oct 18/19** – Doors Open Haunted Huron
- * **Oct 23** – Huron County Federation of Agriculture Annual Meeting
- * **Oct 24** – Bruce County Federation of Agriculture Annual Meeting
- * **October 31 – November 2, 2008** – North American Beef Congress
- * **November 5** – Huron Manufacturers Association Annual and Manufacturing Excellence Awards
- * **November 5** – Eastern Ontario Poultry Conference
- * **November 7 – 10** – Inaugural Conference of FoodNet Ontario
- * **November 7 – 16** – Royal Agricultural Winter Fair
- * **November 27** – Local Food for Local Tables
- * **January 8, 2009** – Huron Corn, Wheat and Soy Annual Meeting
- * **January 14 & 15, 2009** - 6th Annual CCA Conference and Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn, Cambridge.
- * **February 3 & 4, 2009** – Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association 2009 Annual Meeting, Sheraton Fallsview, Niagara Falls.
- * **March 30 & 31, 2009** - Farm Safety Association's Annual Conference and AGM, Hilton Fallsview, Niagara Falls.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FALL
SEMINAR HAS BEEN
RESCHEDULED.**

Look inside this newsletter to read about the new date and location. A registration form will be available in the next issue.

AREA NEWS, INFORMATION AND TOURS:

- * District 8 & 10 2008 Agricultural Fairs and Exhibitions – www.ontariofairs.com
- * International Plowing Match, Teeswater
- * Ontario Market Investment Fund
“How to Apply and who may apply”
- * Grey Bruce “Field to Fork” Local Food Map Unveiling
- * New Bruce County Cattleman’s Eat Big Bruce Beef Website
- * Merging with the Green Economy Symposium
- * Western Region Hillsburgh Double Your Fun Tour
- * Hamilton Region Market Garden Tour
- * Want to take part in a Livestock Medicines Course?
- * “To Be Or Not To Bee?” Workshop
- * Ecological Farmers Summer Tours
- * Agrisuccess Learning Tours
- * New Hay Listing Service
- * The Marketing Twist
What is expected from the USDA Crop Production Report
A Strategic Approach to Hedging Your Hog Operation’s Input Costs
- * CME Group Education Series: Using Options to Hedge Commodity Price Risk
- * Let’s Talk About Grain and Livestock Markets
- * Commodity Marketing Management
DTN’s Fall Market Outlook
DTN’s Brazil Outlook
- * Spontaneous Combustion and Hay Fires
- * Canada’s Outdoor Farm Show celebrates 15th Anniversary
- * Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture
- * Better Business Seminar Series
- * Still Confused About The Recall List For Maple Leaf Meats
- * Permits to Take Water – New Water Conservation Requirements
- * Regional Equine and Agriculture Center of Huron (Reach) has Broken Ground

- * The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs is Issuing the 2009 Call for Letters of Intent for the New Directions and Alternative Renewable Fuels “Plus” Research Program

RESOURCE KITS:

- * *“Information and Resources Available for Farm Families”*
- * Pork News and Views Newsletter
- * Hort Matters Newsletter
- * Virtual Beef E-newsletter
- * Podcasts
- * Foodland Ontario

ONTARIO FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

By: Geri Kamenz,
President

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture is seriously concerned with Ontario’s *Clean Water Act*. The legislation has the potential to impose land use restrictions that may take farmland out of production, significantly change farming practices or increase operating costs, all without compensating farmland owners for any losses.

The Clean Water Act must be amended to include language that will provide compensation to farmers whose property and/or business operations are negatively impacted by the Act and its regulations. Farmers cannot continue to bear the cost of providing benefits to the public.

National Certification Program and National Occupational Standard

This has been developed by industry professionals and describes the skills, knowledge and abilities required to perform the duties of a professional Building Official. Occupational Standards can be used for a variety of purposes and many form the bases for training, curriculum development, and accreditation of training programs, recruitment, performance improvement, career development and the certification of practitioners. Further Information [ACBOA Website](#) or contact ACBOA Registrar - [John Barnes](#)

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