



# Grape Growers of ONTARIO

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*...Dedicated to the Success of Ontario's Grape Growers*

## THE 2009 GRAPE KING - BILL SCHENCK

**St. Catharines, ON (Wednesday, September 16, 2009):** Following today's 2009 Grape King installation, Grape Growers of Ontario Board Chair, Bill George Jr. and CEO, Debbie Zimmerman are pleased to announce that Bill Schenck of Schenck Farms in St. Catharines has been named the 2009 Grape King.

Grape Growers of Ontario Chair, Bill George Jr. comments, "We are delighted to have Bill serve as the 2009 Grape King as an ambassador for grape growers in Ontario. Bill is a fourth generation grape grower growing high quality vinifera grapes."

Bill Schenck states, "I am honoured to be chosen as Grape King for 2009 and am pleased to be continuing the family tradition of growing grapes. I am looking forward to working as an ambassador for grape growers across Ontario as we try to move our industry forward."

Debbie Zimmerman, CEO of the Grape Growers of Ontario indicates, "The Grape King represents grape growing excellence throughout Ontario. Through hard work and dedication Bill continues to achieve excellence by employing innovative vineyard management techniques."

Farming began in the Schenck family in 1882 when Lou Schenck started growing fruits and vegetables and established a company in St. Catharines called L.M. Schenck & Co. The gradual shift away from vegetables to fruit was done in the 1920's when Lou Schenck II began working full time on the farm. Presently the company is managed by Louis IV, Bob, John, John Jr., Joe and Bill, who are all members of the Schenck family. The farm has stayed much the same in size except the crops have changed to 50% peaches and 50% grapes. Bill is the 4th generation of the Schenck family involved in farming and is married to Kathleen; they have four children: Jennifer, Colleen, Amanda and Brian.



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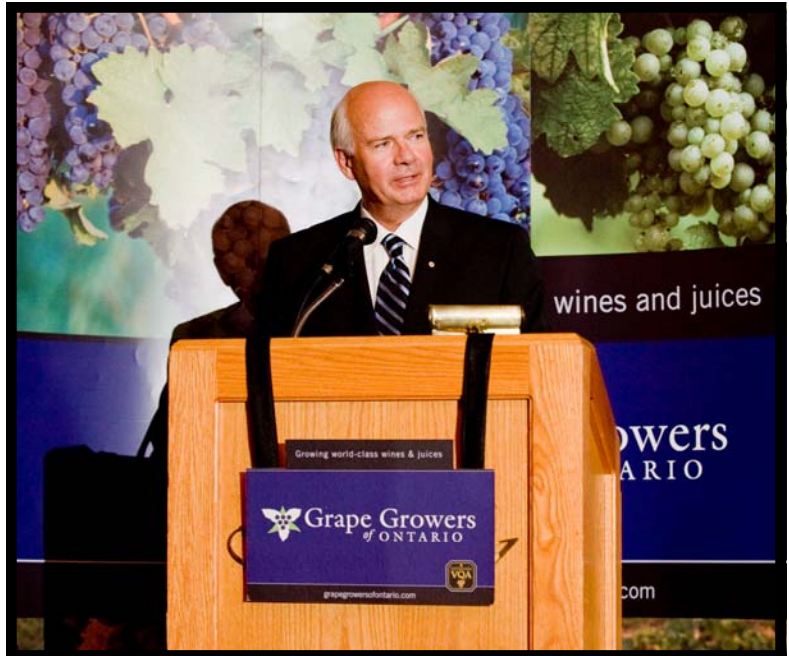
### GGO Services

- Grape Research, Pricing & Promotion
- Grape Inspection
- Government & Industry Relations
- Government Lobbying
- Government Policies & Regulations
- Farm Labour Legislation & Program
- Chemical Registration
- Nutrient Management
- Crop Insurance Requirements
- KCMS Code-A-Phone
- Business Risk Management (CAIS & SDRM)
- Weather INnovations Incorporated (WIN)

## 2009 Scotiabank Celebrity Luncheon - Peter Mansbridge

The 2009 Scotiabank Celebrity Luncheon took place on September 16, 2009 at Club Roma. Growers, wineries, industry stakeholders and government partners gathered for an afternoon filled with excellent food, great wine and camaraderie.

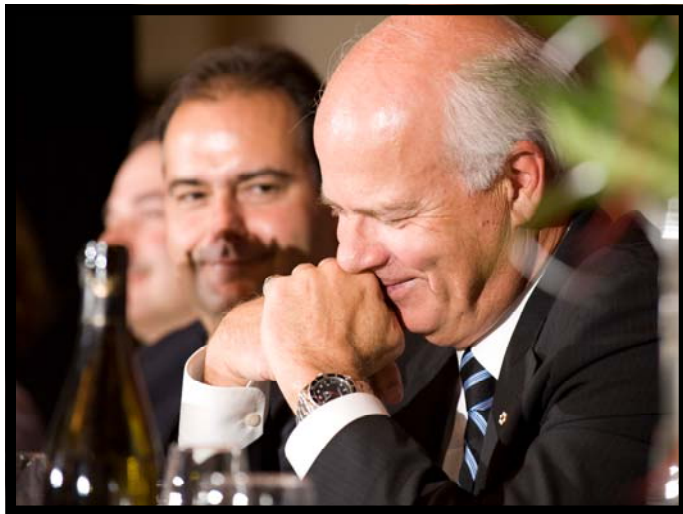
The highlight of the luncheon was this year's guest speaker Peter Mansbridge, anchor of The National, host of Mansbridge: One-on-One as well as an internationally renowned public speaker and well-known author. Mr. Mansbridge shared his anecdotes from his travels around the world on topics such as what it means to be a Canadian, foreign politicians and the Ontario grape and wine industry which was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.



Possibility grows here.



**A special thank you to our sponsors for this event: Scotiabank, Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, Farm Credit Canada and Club Roma who supplied us with a wonderful lunch sourced from Niagara products.**



**Over 330 guests joined the Grape Growers of Ontario to celebrate another successful luncheon. We hope to see you all again next year!**



## 2009 Grape Stomp

On September 19, 2009, the annual St. Catharines Mayor's Invitational Grape Stomp took place. The GGO Stomper Team consisted of Doug Herder, Kevin Watson, Bill Schenck, Brian Schenck, Steve Pohorly and Bill George whom put their best "foot" forward. Congratulations to all our stompers for a job well done.

The winner of the Mayor's Challenge was Mayor Henry D'Angela from the City of Thorold who won for the third consecutive year. Congratulations are also extended to the new Top Stomper Award winner, Kevin Watson.



**And the winner is...**

**Mayor Henry D'Angela  
- 2009 Mayor's Challenge**



**And the winner is...**

**Kevin Watson - 2009 Top Stomper**

**Thanks to all who took part in this event!**

## PESTICIDE UPDATE

### PROPOSED RE-EVALUATION OF CARBARYL (SEVIN)

- Submitted by Wayne Roberts

The Pest Management Agency (PMRA) is responsible for the registration or de-regulation of pesticides in Canada.

Carbaryl (trade name Sevin) has been around for a long time. It belongs to an older family of insecticides; the organophosphates (the OP's) are broad spectrum pesticides and globally are being phased out.

Sevin was most widely used on grapes for leafhopper control and also for grape berry moth. With new chemistry now available, or soon to be available, there is no real necessity to keep Sevin registered for grapes. The new proposed restrictions would mean that growers could not work these restrictions into their spray programs. A similar approach was used for Guthion (28 day re-entry). The proposed restrictions on Sevin are:

- Re-entry interval (time after spraying and re-entry by workers – 51 days; 19 days for scouting activities).
- A buffer zone of 50 metres early season and 40 metres later season.

Sevin is not a preferred material by wineries due to the potential for residue in the wines.

These proposed regulations are likely to be implemented.

The detailed proposed re-evaluation is 232 pages and is available on line at:

PMRA - [publications@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:publications@hc-sc.gc.ca)

August 10, 2009

Document No. PRVD 2009-14 – Proposed Re-evaluation Decision – Carbaryl.

### **Grape Contracts**

**The Grape Growers of Ontario encourages all growers to  
have a contract in place before they plant!**

## **Vitis - Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. Why does my list of Weigh Bills in Setgo appear different than the list in the Weigh Bill Status in Vitis?**

The “Weigh Bills in Setgo” yield link provides access to a list of raw weigh bills that have been entered but not necessarily submitted to the GGO. The “Weigh Bill Status in Vitis” list includes all weigh bills from the GGO (those saved in Setgo system, plus additional weigh bills that GGO has entered as a result of identified errors or additional sales), weigh bills that Fruit Adjusters have entered to cover fresh and farm gate sales, rejects in the field, and unharvested grapes.

### **2. Why does my Weigh Bill Statement Summary show a more complete list of Weigh Bills than the Setgo link?**

GGO may enter additional weigh bills as a result of identified errors or additional sales that the Setgo system does not collect.

### **3. If I see errors in Weigh Bills, what should I do?**

Contact Julie Dixon at the GGO office at 905-688-0990 immediately for any errors pertaining to weigh bills with a 14 digit # e.g. 09215001111001. These corrections are critical and need to occur prior to payment. Contact your Fruit Adjuster immediately for any errors in information pertaining to your production insurance claim or for weigh bills with a 5 digit # e.g. 00067. These corrections will need to be made in order to not affect the accuracy or processing of your crop insurance claims.

### **4. How do I report yields for Vitis that are not collected by Setgo and the GGO?**

If you are enrolled in a Production Insurance Grape Plan it is imperative to report to your Fruit Adjuster on fresh grape sales, grapes rejected in the field (by winery and/or due to insured peril) and unharvested grapes (no quality issue, but no buyer or purchase possible). For fresh grape yields you will need to report on block numbers and volumes (by container size) or net weight. Grapes rejected in the field and unharvested grapes should be reported in a timely way for adjuster to evaluate the crop and estimated yield.

### **5. Where is the best place to view yield information in Vitis?**

#### Detailed Weigh Bill Information:

- Weigh Bill Status in Vitis Screen (Grape Commodity Navigation Tree and View Link) – provides weigh bills by each of the 4 categories: Wine and Juice Processing, Fresh and Farm Gate Sales, Rejections in the Field and Winery, Setgo not imported into Vitis.
- Weigh Bills in Setgo in Pop-Up Screen (Grape Commodity Navigation Tree and View Link): list of weigh bills with a view link to individual weigh bill.
- Insured Declared Total Production for Grapes Report (available through fruit adjuster, soon to be available directly via list of Reports) – reports each weigh bill tonnage for each variety within a vineyard with sub-totals.
- Weigh Bills attached to each block in Block Yield Summary Screen (Block Level on Navigation Tree and View Yield Link): view all sources of weigh bills (from GGO and Agricornp adjusters) attached to the block level.

#### Various Yield Summaries:

- Total Grape Yield for each variety across the whole enterprise (Grape Commodity Level on Navigation Tree and View Yield Link) – total yield for each variety.
- Vineyard Yield Summary (Vineyard Level on Navigation tree and View Yield Link) – total yield for each variety within a given vineyard location.
- Vineyard Summary (Vineyard Level on Navigation Tree) – total yield per block within a given vineyard location.

#### **Printing Tip:**

For screens in Vitis that are “pop-up” screens, single click on the pop-up screen and then press “Control P” and select “Print” in the print pop-up box. This will result in the whole pop-up being printed.

#### **Feedback and Suggestions:**

We are always interested to know what you like about Vitis and what suggestions you have for improvements.

## AGRI INVEST DEPOSIT NOTICES IN FARMERS' HANDS

**OTTAWA, Ontario, September 14, 2009** – 2008 AgriInvest Deposit Notices will start appearing in producers' mailboxes this week to let them know how much they can deposit into their AgriInvest accounts to receive matching government contributions.

AgriInvest provides producers with flexible coverage for small income declines, as well as support for investments to mitigate risks or improve market income. With an AgriInvest account, producers make a deposit based on a percentage of their Allowable Net Sales and receive matching contributions from federal and provincial governments.

For 2008, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) is holding AgriInvest accounts, and all deposits and withdrawal requests must be made to AAFC. Officials continue to work with financial institutions toward having them hold AgriInvest accounts in the future.

The Deposit Notices provide producers with their matchable deposit amount and current account balance. Producers have 90 days from the issue date on the Deposit Notice to make a deposit. They have the flexibility to withdraw funds at any time throughout the year.

AgriInvest is delivered by AAFC in all provinces except Quebec where it is delivered by La Financière agricole. AgriInvest is a business risk management program under Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

**For more information on AgriInvest, producers can visit the program website at [www.agr.gc.ca/agriinvest](http://www.agr.gc.ca/agriinvest) or call AAFC toll free at 1-866-367-8506.**

### - MEETING NOTICE -

#### AGRI-STABILITY INFORMATION SESSION

An Agri-Stability information session will be held at the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre in the Rittenhouse Hall on Friday October 30, 2009 at 10:00 am. Please contact the GGO office at (905) 688-0990 if you are interested in attending.



## SAVE THE DATE

### 2009 Cheque Day

### Monday, November 16, 2009

### 9:00am to 2:00pm

### GGO Board Office

### - 1634 South Service Rd., St. Catharines, ON -



# REMINDER - INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICES

1. Communication between you and the processor is key!!!
2. Lady Beetle (Seven spotted and/or MALB)- 3 Visible Lady Beetles per tonne of grapes
3. Volatile Acid (VA) – 0.24 and lower - **check with your processor**
4. Brix Testing – 2 Samples per delivery must be taken
5. Brix Sampling Procedure – Refer to “Wine Grape Brix Testing Program Processing Manual – Pick up Program and Onsite Analysis.” These manuals should be provided to you by the Grape Growers of Ontario or from EDM Associates Inc.
6. Brix Results – Brix results from Pick up Program should be available within 24-36 hours from the time a sample is taken. Please call if you do not receive this information.
7. Rejections – Ensure you have two rejections slips from different wineries for each load, to qualify for crop insurance.
8. No processor or grower should leave harvested grapes for an unreasonable time before sampling or weighing of the grapes occurs.

**Always check with your processor prior to harvesting any grapes!**

## The Niagara Fruit Education Centre Closes its Doors - Items for Sale



### The high backed benches:

Style name - Marlborough from \$375.00 to over \$500.00 new

### The straight backed benches:

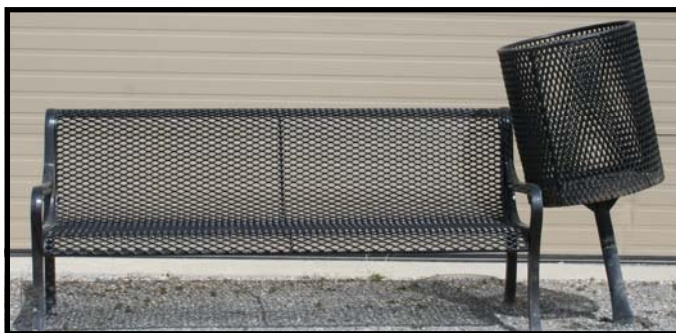
Style name - Crown - \$300.00

### Planters:

Imported from Italy - \$200.00

### Web coated metal benches:

Great for outside -\$300.00



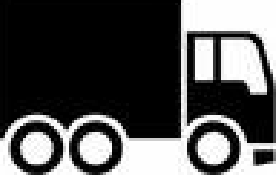
For more information on item availability and prices please contact Becky Glenney at the Niagara Fruit Education Centre at:

[bglenney@niagarafruitinstitute.com](mailto:bglenney@niagarafruitinstitute.com)

**905-643-1899 x 25**

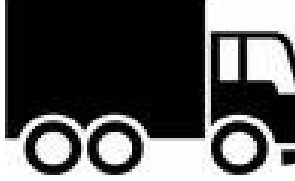
<b>For Sale</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plastic Grape Boxes, 18-1/2" x 18-1/2" x 10"</li> </ul>	Joe	(905) 934-0763
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1973 Chisholm Ryder Grape Harvester, good working condition, hydraulic conveyors, \$15,000 or best offer</li> <li>• 4 tonne rear dumping Dump Buggy, \$1,500 or best offer</li> <li>• 2 - 4 tonne grape bins, \$200 each</li> </ul>		(905) 984-4029
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Felco 800 electronic hand pruners with lithium ion battery pack, two years old but only used one year, excellent shape, \$1,800 or best offer</li> </ul>	Chris	(905) 563-4331
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bird Scarer, Phoenix Waler, \$1,000</li> <li>• Bird Scarer, Bird Gard, \$300</li> </ul>	Doug	(905) 984-3457
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second hand barrels, mainly reds, 6 to 8 years old, \$75</li> </ul>	JL	(905) 468-1806 X222
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 34 acres Grape farm, mostly vinifera, located at corner of Townline Road and Line 3, best offer</li> </ul>	Joseph	(905) 941-4241
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12.3 acre vineyard, Progressive Ave., NOTL, 10.8 acres vinifera, all producing, 1150 sq. ft. raised bungalow, finished basement, 2+2 bedrooms, 2 bath, finished rec room. New roof, city water, fireplace, deck &amp; more. 2-1/2 bay barn with attic and lean-to. Equipment including 2 tractors available. Asking \$600,000</li> </ul>	Marty	(905) 468-8955

<b>Wanted</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small fan sprayer for 1 acre vineyard</li> </ul>	David	(613) 985-0701
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Job as fruit picker</li> </ul>	kanadapascal@web.de	



## 2009 Harvest

### - Need additional weigh bills? -



For additional weigh bills please contact the office at  
 905-688-0990 or email Julie Dixon at  
[jdixon@grapegrowersofontario.com](mailto:jdixon@grapegrowersofontario.com)

**Looking for Grapes?**  
**Please call Julie Dixon at**  
**905-688-0990 x228 or visit**  
**[www.grapegrowersofontario.com](http://www.grapegrowersofontario.com)**

To place an ad, please contact  
 Sylvana Lagrotteria at 905-688-0990 x231 or  
[slagrotteria@grapeandtenderfruitontario.com](mailto:slagrotteria@grapeandtenderfruitontario.com)