



Grape Growers of ONTARIO

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

Thank You to the 2008 Grape King

On September 16, 2009, our Grape King Lou Puglisi's term will come to an end at the 2009 Grape King Installation Ceremony.

The Grape Growers of Ontario and its members express their thanks to Lou Puglisi of Puglisi Farms for serving as the 2008 Grape King and promoting the grape growers and their industry. Over his tenure as Grape King, Lou served with enthusiasm, commitment and dedication.

We wish Lou and his family continued success in all of their future endeavors.



Lou Puglisi - 2008 Grape King.

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)

IMPORTANT!

For your review, please find enclosed a copy of the shared strategy between the Grape Growers of Ontario and the Wine Council of Ontario.

The Transition Plan (2009-2014) is currently being considered by the Government of Ontario.

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Up Coming Events:

NIAGARA GRAPE AND WINE FESTIVAL

September 18th - 27th, 2009



Enjoy more than 100 events including winery tours and tastings, concerts, Niagara cuisine, artisan shows, wine seminars, live entertainment and one of Canada's largest street parades during the 58th Niagara Wine Festival. For full event details please visit www.niagarawinefestival.com.

CULINOLOGY 101 WORKSHOP III: BASICS OF FOOD PROCESSING AND FOOD SYSTEMS

September 23-25, 2009

You will cover:

- The fundamentals of food science behind culinary techniques including: freezing, frying, dehydration, cook chill/sous vide roasting/baking (dry heat) and microwave cooking (moist heat)
- Maximizing quality and shelf life through retort operation, aseptic processing and modified atmosphere and controlled atmosphere packaging
- Properties of various food systems (i.e. low fat, low sugar, high fat) and implications for practical application, processing, transportation and storage conditions
- New food processing methods including irradiation, high pressure, ohmic and hot water submersion tunnels

For further information or to register, please contact [Simmer Randhawa](mailto:Simmer.Randhawa) at (519) 821-1246 X 5018

The Sun Shines on Triggs International Premium Vinifera Lecture Series at CCOVI

Close to 100 growers, winemakers and vineyard enthusiasts tracked their way through three vineyard sites on Wednesday to listen to Dr. Mark Greenspan for the 6th installment of the **Triggs International Premium Vinifera Lecture Series at CCOVI**.

Day 1 Vineyard Visits included stops with Steve Pohorly of Riverbend Farm, Glen Koop of Koop Farms Limited and lastly Paul Pender of Tawse Winery who hosted both the barbecue and was our final vineyard site. Special thanks to the **Grape Growers of Ontario** for sponsoring the barbecue lunch.

Day 2's focus was the Public Lecture held at Brock University. Topic for 2009 - *Vineyard Nutrient and Water Management*. Go to www.brocku.ca/ccovi for a copy Dr. Greenspan's presentation. Special thanks to Jackson-Triggs Niagara Estate Winery for sponsoring the reception that followed the lecture.

This lecture series was created by Donald and Elaine Triggs to bring a leading international speaker to address key issues related to premium vinifera.

Note - The lecture series will resume in early September 2011. If you'd like to receive news on upcoming speakers please email ccovi@brocku.ca to have your email address included in any mailings.



Dombrowsky lauded for commitment to wine industry

Posted By **W. Brice McVicar** The Intelligencer - Reprinted with permission.

PICTON — Awkward and honoured were the words used by the 26th recipient of the Grape Growers of Ontario's award of merit to describe her feelings Saturday.

Ontario Agriculture Minister and Prince Edward-Hastings MPP Leona Dombrowsky was recognized by the Grape Growers of Ontario for her commitment to the province's wine industry.

"I feel a little bit awkward that I'm receiving an award for doing my job," Dombrowsky said. "It really is my job to be the advocate for agriculture."

Debbie Zimmerman, executive director for the Grape Growers of Ontario, however, said Dombrowsky has gone beyond her ministerial duties.

"We've had a number of issues in our industry over the past couple of years and the minister has always been there immediately," Zimmerman said. "What we've found is she doesn't just talk, she walks what she talks and that's what's so important. She says it's her job but we think she has gone above and beyond."

Dombrowsky agreed she has had a positive working relationship with the Grape Growers of Ontario — the advocacy group of all processing grape growers in Ontario — but added that's a necessity in any job. She said an "open door policy" and making herself available to the public is important to her.

The award was presented Saturday during the Prince Edward County Winegrowers Association's annual tradeshow. The show featured approximately a dozen vendors selling everything from corks to tractors and also included a number of brief seminars.

Sally Peck, organizer of the tradeshow, said the county's wine industry continues to grow and the tradeshow allows those who are new to the business to have some of their questions answered.

"It just gives people the opportunity to meet with the suppliers of a lot of stuff," she said. "Because the county is so new there are a lot of people who are planting grapes who wonder 'Where do I get netting?', 'Where do I get bottles?', 'Where do I get bird scaring devices?'.... We grow the show every year so we are expanding."

The show and the local wine industry is expanding but, Peck added, there is much work to be done.

"Right now it's just about getting our name out there," she said. "There are a lot of people in Toronto and areas who don't realize there's wine being made here."

To view the article please visit: <http://www.intelligencer.ca/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=1702368>



- Grower Program - Farm Innovation Program

The Farm Innovation Program (FIP) is a \$12,000,000 program that is part of Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative. The FIP is one of the Innovation and Science Suite of programs for Growing Forward in Ontario.

The FIP is aimed at boosting agricultural research, competitiveness, and productivity in Ontario's agricultural sectors. The FIP is administered by the Agricultural Adaptation Council (AAC) on behalf of Agriculture, Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

Eligible projects:

- Address industry needs that are intended to lead to innovative on-farm technologies being adopted within a two to three year timeframe. The technologies are projected to provide benefits to the majority of producers in the relevant commodity/sector;
- Support the adoption and on-farm demonstration of on-farm innovative technologies resulting from research and/or demonstration of innovative technologies from other jurisdictions under Ontario on-farm conditions;

FIP Criteria:

- Projected benefits for the majority of producers;
- Projected benefits should exceed the cost of adopting the technology;
- Focus on priorities identified by the sector;
- Capability of the Applicant to successfully meet the objectives and deliver results;
- Quality of Knowledge Transfer Plan: Proposals must include a commitment to report on and disseminate project results to Ontario producers in a timely manner as outlined in a clearly articulated Knowledge Transfer Plan;
- Quality and completeness of the proposal including project activities and research protocol, detailed milestones, performance measures, and forecasted costs on a quarterly and annual basis for each submitted project;
- Industry support: Industry funding is not a requirement for FIP funding, however preference may be given to projects where industry is contributing to project costs; and
- Compliance with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and its regulations, if applicable for the proposed project.
- Projects are retroactive to April 1, 2009.

Application Deadline:

First Round - October 19, 2009 ***Note** - All applications must be in the GGO office by no later than September 28, 2009.

Second Round - Spring 2010

To download an application and for more details, please visit <http://www.adaptcouncil.org>.

Grapes for Sale?

Please call Julie Dixon at

905-688-0990 x228 or visit

www.grapegrowersofontario.com

To place an ad, please contact

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