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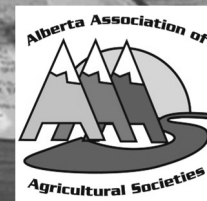


ACROSS THE FENCE



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A Message From the Chief Executive Officer—Tim Carson



Welcome everyone to spring 2017. There is no question that this year will be a challenging start to the growing season. As we have criss-crossed the province through the winter we have seen countless fields still covered in last year's harvest. Alberta's ever changing weather will always be a blessing and a curse for our friends in agriculture and those who plan the many events that Albertans enjoy.

The 2017 AAAS annual meeting and convention was another great success. "Ag Societies...Greatest story never told" has received tremendous reviews from our delegates and presenters alike. I would like to thank the volunteers of Region 2 for hosting this year's event. We could not manage without your hard work and input. The program presented sessions for every interest and size of organization, our tradeshow was full to capacity and a little bit more. Full convention 2017 information on sessions, showcases, forums and more can be found on both our website www.albertaagsocieties.ca and our app. If you've not attended this premier event in a while, or at all, we encourage everyone to take the time from your busy schedule and check it out. You will not be disappointed.

On behalf of the Senior Staff I'd like to thank Doug Kryzanowski for his leadership and direction over the last three years as President. Your passion for the industry and valuable experience has been an asset to our organization and I'm thankful you will remain a Director for a few more years at least. Next I'd like to welcome Debbie Ross to the role of President. Debbie is our longest standing board member and has provided engaging input to our organization since 2010. Debbie brings a great perspective to the Presidents role and we look forward to her leadership in the coming year. Rebecca Joseph is the newest member of the Board as one of our region 4 directors. Rebecca will bring a new voice and fresh perspective to AAAS as we take on the challenges and

rewards of being the Provincial Association for nearly 300 diverse Agricultural Societies.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Board members for their dedication and contributions. AAAS and our members appreciate the time and expertise you contribute the success we all share. Finally I'd like to thank Cathy Freed for her dedication and compassion for not only AAAS and the industry but for the people within it. Cathy's bright smile and heartfelt hugs will be missed but no more than her insightful questions and positive attitude. We wish Cathy great success in her future endeavours knowing full well her role at the Vegreville Agricultural Society will keep her busy and connected.

AAAS would like to introduce our newest staff member. For those of you who attended convention this year you would have had the

chance to meet Maria Flores-Achtymichuck, our new Marketing and Membership Coordinator. Maria brings a wealth of experience and has made a super addition to the team. I would also like to thank Angie Gehlert who has been with AAAS for several years now and although she is our part time book keeper, she plays an essential role with our organization particularly during convention season. Last but not least is Suzanne Kelly. Suzanne holds down the convention office during the chaos of our biggest event and we can't thank her enough for her bright smile and dedication in assisting our delegates.

Tim Carson,
Chief Executive Officer



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Grant Program Updates

Alberta Agricultural Society Farm Safety Grant Program

Last year AAAS received funding to deliver a Farm Safety Grant Program to our members. The grant applications were distributed to our members last fall both by email and mail, and we have had the applications available at any of our events we have hosted such as regional meetings and the annual convention. If you need an additional copy of the grant application form please contact our office at 780-427-2174 or by email at aaas@gov.ab.ca

The program has \$900,000.00 to be distributed by December 31, 2018 for the purpose of providing farm safety awareness, education and programming that will be delivered in diverse ways across Alberta, influencing behavioral changes on family farms and in the agriculture community.

There are lots of opportunities and resources to assist you with planning an initiative and Alberta Agriculture has developed a toolkit to assist you with planning an initiative as well as a variety of resources and contacts to help you with your initiative that you can access at no charge. Their website is [http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/All/aet623](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/All/aet623) or you can contact one of their coordinators that are listed below for the Alberta Farm Safety Program.

Some of the highlights of the program are:

- No matching component required!
- Grant funds are disbursed once project is complete and reporting is received
- Projects and reporting must be completed by December 31st, 2018
- Maximum up to \$10,000 per project
- Partnering with other Ag Societies increases the amount you can apply for – example 3 Ag Societies can partner together for an initiative and be eligible for up to \$30,000
- More than one project per year can be applied for by an Ag Society
- Approved projects must be completed and reporting submitted prior to receiving full approval of another project
- Multiple components over a time period can be compiled into 1 grant application however the funding is not disbursed until the project has been fully completed and the reporting submitted
- Projects that have already been completed in the last year may be considered as eligible projects if they meet the program criteria
- Ineligible expenses include entertainment, liquor, donations, Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machines, programs already currently supported by other provincial farm safety grants
- Examples of eligible projects and expenses are advertising campaigns, guest speakers and qualified instructors, training courses and workshops, farm safety day camps, training materials, external facility rental fees, wages, rental equipment, etc.

Alberta Farm Safety Program

Are you looking for ideas or resources for a farm safety program in your community? The Alberta Farm Safety Program with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry has some great ideas, resources and contacts for you!

Contact an Alberta Agriculture & Forestry Farm Safety Coordinator:

Kenda Lubeck
Farm Safety Coordinator
780-538-5606
Kenda.lubeck@gov.ab.ca

Janice Donkers
Youth Farm Safety Coordinator
403-388-4032
Janice.donkers@gov.ab.ca

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Farm Safety Specialist
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Raelyn Peterson
Farm Safety Coordinator
780-538-5633
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Nicole Hornett
Farm Safety Specialist
403-948-8524
Nicole.Hornett@gov.ab.ca



www.agriculture.alberta.ca/farmsafety



Community Facility Enhancement Program

Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) funding provides financial assistance to acquire, build, purchase, repair, renovate, upgrade or expand sports, recreational, cultural or other related public-use community facilities. CFEP aims to foster healthy, vibrant communities across Alberta. The program has been designed to support organizations as they take action to contribute and create opportunities for Albertans to engage with their communities.

CFEP outcomes are to:

Enhance the lifespan and support the creation of public-use community facilities. Stimulate economic activity across the province.

Eligibility: An organization can only submit one application for a capital project per year through either CFEP or the Community Initiatives Program (CIP) Project-Based for capital funding requests. Organizations should apply under the specific program stream that is best suited for their project. CFEP has two funding streams: Small Funding Stream and Large Funding Stream.

Characteristic	CFEP Small Funding Stream	CFEP Large Funding Stream
Funding Range	Up to \$125,000	\$125,001 - \$1 Million
Application Deadlines for 2017-18	March 15, 2017 June 15, 2017 September 15, 2017 January 15, 2018	One time per year: October 1, 2017

For More Info :

<https://www.culturetourism.alberta.ca/community/community-grants/>

Alberta Canada 150 Grant

The Government of Alberta has a number of initiatives planned to help recognize Canada's celebration of 150 years of Confederation. One of the initiatives is an Alberta Canada 150 grant available to eligible Alberta nonprofit organizations to assist with community projects. An organization can submit one Alberta Canada 150 project per fiscal year. Organizations will be eligible to apply to the Alberta Canada 150 and also for another non-capital CIP grant during 2016-17 and 2017-18. For More info : www.culturetourism.alberta.ca

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Award Program and School Scholarships

Honor Roll Nomination:

Do you know of someone who has made a valuable and noteworthy contribution to the development and advancement of agricultural societies in Alberta?

The Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies invites agricultural societies to nominate a member of their association for their outstanding contribution to the development and advancement of agricultural societies in Alberta. Two members will be awarded the Honorary Life Memberships. Winners will be recognized at the next AAAS Convention in February 2018. This prestigious award recognizes outstanding volunteers for their dedication to local, regional and provincial levels of agriculture.

The nominating agricultural society will be notified if their nominee is chosen and it is the nominating society's responsibility to ensure the recipient is in attendance to accept the award. AAAS will provide two complimentary dinner tickets for the recipient and one guest. All other ticket requirements must be purchased in advance. Deadline for nominations is December 31st, 2017.

Go to our website for the Honor Roll Nomination Form or call the AAAS office at 780-427-2174.



Student Scholarships:

Nominate a student who has demonstrated leadership! This will be the fifth year that the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies has partnered with Calgary Stampede and Northlands Park to offer two \$1500 awards that will be given to outstanding post-secondary students continuing their education, who have volunteered their time and energy to their communities and agricultural societies. Please consider individuals in your community who could benefit from receiving this award. Applicants must be nominated by their local Agricultural Society. Deadline for applications is December 31st 2017

Go to our website for the Agriculture Award and General Award Nomination Forms or call the AAAS office at 780-427-2174.



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2017 Convention Highlights



Weekend Highlights include : Guest Speakers, MLA Forum, Workshops, Tradeshow, Musical Guests, and Visits with Rodeo Royalty

Joe Michielsen won the Oilers evening out sponsored by Foster Park Brokers



Tracy Childs, our AAAS Convention Keycard Winner accepting her [Peavey Mart](#) gift card in Vegreville !



4-H Alberta is excited to be celebrating its 100th birthday in 2017 and Alberta Ag Societies have long been a part of that history through its partnering and supporting of 4-H clubs in their local communities. As 4-H Alberta plans a year long celebration of our centennial we're hoping you can help spread the word on the 4-H program, its legacy and its future. Perhaps it's a 4-H themed event or parade, a celebration, or displaying a centennial bale tarp – whatever the idea is sure to add to excitement of the year. For more information on our centennial events, merchandise, and tons of history visit www.4hab100.ca. Any questions please contact Cameron Horner, 4-H Specialist, at: 1-780-968-3519. Or email at : Cameron.horner@gov.ab.ca

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTER OF AGRICULTURE



Edith grew up a “city girl” but that changed to “farm girl” when she married her farmer husband, Ron, in 1972. Raising 2 kids (Amanda & Tom), school activities, sports activities, helping on the farm, and volunteer work kept her busy.

She worked part-time for Alberta Ag as a DHE, and taught some courses at the Lethbridge College. She was President of the Picture Butte PTA, Safe Grad chair, vice-chair of the Carmangay 100th Celebrations, and for many years was the Carmangay area rep for the Vulcan County Further Education Council, often teaching courses herself.

She joined the Carmangay Ag Society in 1974 and has been an active member since that time, filling all positions on the Board of Directors. She got involved with judging at local fairs in 1976 and still judges today. Because of her love of judging she developed a Judges, Exhibitors, & Conveners Workshop program which she put on many times throughout the province. She was elected as the AAAS Director for Region 1 in 1991 and served until 2003. During her time on the board she compiled a Judges Directory which was available to AAAS members. She chaired/co-chaired several AAAS Conventions and served 1 year as President.



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HONOR ROLL AWARD WINNER

There is no Cadogan without Irene Scammell and there would be no Ag Society without Irene. Our matriarch is 80 years young, she is the only remaining founding member of the Cadogan Ag Society. She is always the first person to step forward to help with any activity.

Her past executive positions include secretary, treasurer, and second vice president, she has never been president.

In 1982 the AAS initiated the concept of the honor roll. It was strongly felt by the membership that AAAS needed a lifetime volunteer service award. Member agricultural societies were to annually nominate a member or members for this award.



The recipients of this award are prime examples of the spirit of volunteerism that is the backbone of agricultural societies in Alberta.

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CLASS 1A - Attendance under 500 People

- 1st Place - Lloydminster Exhibition Society
- 2nd Place - Westlock Agricultural Society
- 3rd Place - Delburne Agricultural Society

CLASS 1B - Attendance Between 500 - 5000 People

- 1st Place - Millarville Agricultural Society
- 2nd Place - Lloydminster Exhibition Society
- 3rd Place - Andrew Agricultural Society

CLASS 1C - Attendance Over 5000 People

- 1st Place - Strathmore Agricultural Society
- 2nd Place - Millarville Agricultural Society
- 3rd Place - Medicine Hat Exhibition

CATEGORY 2 : FAIR/ EVENT PROGRAM COVERS

CLASS 2A - Attendance under 500 People

- 1st Place - Grovedale Agricultural Society
- 2nd Place - Delburne Agricultural Society
- 3rd Place - Tomahawk Agricultural Society

CLASS 2B - Attendance Between 500 - 5000 People

- 1st Place - Delburne Agricultural Society
- 2nd Place - Westlock Agricultural Society
- 3rd Place - Millarville Agricultural Society

CLASS 2C - Attendance Over 5000 People

- 1st Place - Millarville Agricultural Society
- 2nd Place - Lloydminster Agricultural Society

CATEGORY 3 : NEWSLETTERS

CLASS 3A - Distribution Of 250 Or Less Per Issue

- 1st Place - Tomahawk Agricultural Society
- 2nd Place - Lakedell Agricultural Society

CLASS 3B - Distribution between 250-500 per issue

- 1st Place - Cottonwood Gordon Agricultural Society

CATEGORY 4: WEBSITE

CLASS 4A - Development Budget Under \$1000

- 1st Place - Cold Lake Agricultural Society
- 2nd Place - Lakedell Agricultural Society
- 3rd Place - Valleyview Agricultural Society

CLASS 4B - Development Budget Between \$1000- \$5000

* No Entries

CLASS 4C - Development Budget Over \$5000

- 1st Place - Millarville Agricultural Society

CATEGORY 5 : SOCIAL MEDIA

CLASS 5A - Following of less than 500 (each platform)

- 1st Place - Carmangay Agricultural Society
- 2nd Place - Valleyview Agricultural Society
- 3rd Place - Yellowhead Agricultural Society

CLASS 5B - Following Between 500 - 2500 (each platform)

- 1st Place - Millarville Agricultural Society
- 2nd Place - Cold Lake Agricultural Society
- 3rd Place - Lakedell Agricultural Society

CATEGORY 6 : NEW PROGRAM / EVENT

CLASS 6A - Attendance/ Participants under 100 people

- 1st Place - Tomahawk Agricultural Society
- 2nd Place - Tomahawk Agricultural Society
- 3rd Place - Lakedell Agricultural Society

CLASS 6B - Attendance/ Participants Between 100 - 350

- 1st Place - Verdant Valley Agricultural Society

CLASS 6C - Attendance/ Participants over 350 people

- 1st Place - Cold Lake Agricultural Society

CATEGORY 7 : EVENT / ORGANIZATION PHOTO COLLAGE

All entries in this category have been judged as one class

- 1st Place - Verdant Valley Agricultural Society
- 2nd Place - Lakedell Agricultural Society
- 3rd Place - Barrhead Agricultural Society

DELEGATES CHOICE

- Strathmore Agricultural Society

Congratulations
to all the
2017 Winners

AAAS Award Winners



The St. Paul Agricultural Society received the AAAS Award of Merit for outstanding promotion of agriculture. This award is given out at the President's discretion to an individual or organization that excelled in the encouragement of growth and promotion of Agricultural Societies in Alberta.



Recipients of the \$1500 scholarships were: Taryn Eleniak (left) nominated by Lamont Agricultural Society and Madison McKay (right) nominated by Spruce View Agricultural Society



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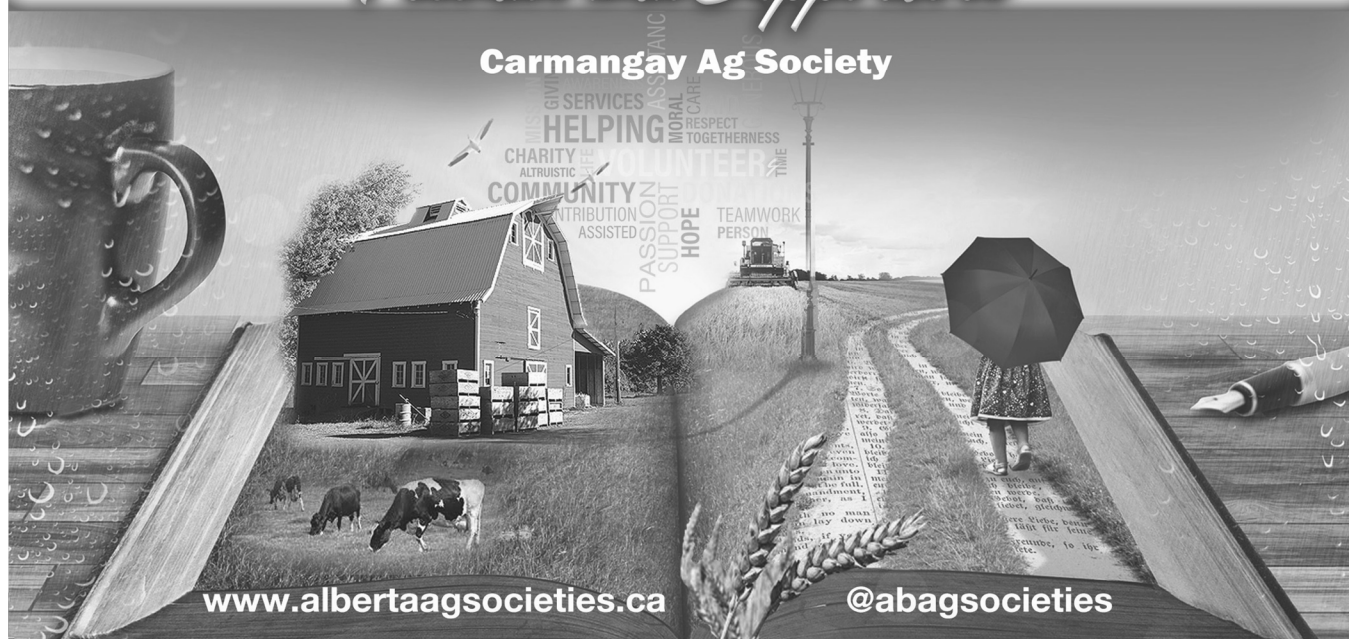
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Alberta Community & Co-operative Association	(780)963-3766	www.acca.coop	Some of ACCA's services include The ACCA Co-operative Youth Leadership Programs held at Goldeye Centre in Nordegg, Career Focus Internship Program, Co-operative development for new and existing co-operatives in areas like energy, housing, health care etc., and Adult courses including some in the areas of board procedures and finances.
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When City Meets Country



Hi there, my name is Maria. I am the newest addition to the staff at the Alberta Association of Agriculture Societies. My official title is the Marketing and Membership Services Coordinator. Part of my job duties are inputting the information that you send in to us to Market your Events on the Web. I must admit that I am both excited and amazed at all the fairs and events that are happening in all the small towns around this big province of ours! Being a festival goer myself, I love seeing all the different events in the city, but this year I'd

really love to check out some of the festival and fairs being put on by the AG Societies! That is, IF I can find them! Being such a city girl, I need some direction as to where some of these events are taking place. I know many of you already know where the Rodeo Grounds are, or the indoor area behind the Rec Centre, 3 Blocks North of the old church south of Main Street. Although, as an outsider, I have no idea where I'm going! But, I would So LOVE to check these places out. If you could help me out a bit that would be super! When you're filling out the "Market your Event" forms, please think of the 5 W's : Who, What, When, Where, Why – And also HOW!

Who - (Which Ag Society are you) and Who do we contact for more information

What - (What Kind of Event – Fair ? Rodeo ? Paint Night ? Dance ? Pancake Breakfast ? Is it a workshop or a clinic? If there are multiple things happening for the event, please list as many as you can. Will there be food concessions, beer gardens. Is it family friendly ? Are there Children's Entertainment and activities. What are the Admission Costs or Registration Fees ?

When – Dates (All Day or Multiple Days), Start times, End Times, Schedules

Where – Please provide building name and address or Directions ex. 2km East of 2A on Hwy 13)

Why – If this is a fundraiser or celebration or an event to raise awareness for something

HOW – How to register. How to get there.

If you have your event posted on your AG Society's FaceBook Page we can also Repost on the AAAS FaceBook Page as well. Also, If you happen to have a poster or image that goes with your event, please send us a PDF or JPG copy.

Seeing all these wonderful events happening around Alberta is like one of the best kept secrets that I want to tell everyone about. I am really hoping to get the kids out for some road trips out of the city and see some of the best your towns have to offer!

~ maria

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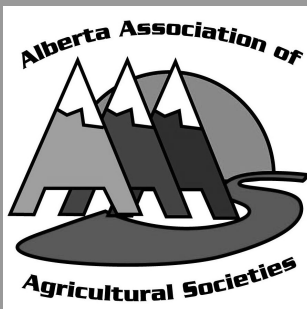


The Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies is pleased to announce the funding opportunity for Alberta Agricultural Societies to once again to apply for seed funding to host an Open Farm Days event/activity on the weekend of August 19th, & 20th, 2017 has been approved!!

Also new this year is that Open Farm Days has made it easier to participate by extending the dates to include both Saturday and Sunday, giving you the option to pick either day or both days to be involved!!

Details for submitting an application and additional information on Alberta Open Farm Days can be found on the website. **Deadline is to apply is May 31, 2017.**

www.albertafarmdays.com



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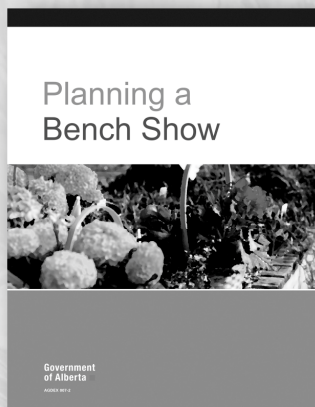
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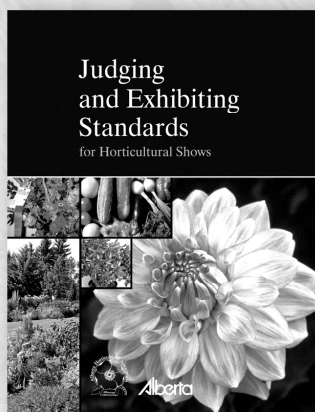




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