



May 2019

President's Message:

As I write this report we have yet to get much of our spring seeding underway. Mother Nature is just not cooperating in spring of 2019. Circular 6 – Rules and Regulations for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production had more changes announced in April. While some of the updates are wording clarifications, some notable changes for Canola, Hemp, Fababeans and Hybrid Wheat seed production have been made. A complete summary of the revisions can be found here: https://seedgrowers.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Circ6-Final-Notice-of-Changes_EN.pdf Comments on the Circular 6 Modernization efforts are welcomed. Please share your suggestions for further changes to Circular 6 by email to mscheffel@seedgrowers.ca

The OSGA Field Day will be held on **Wednesday, June 26, 2019** at Alliance Agri-Turf. The full day features a tour of the new fertilizer plant, seed treatment product plot tour and several speakers including 4R Nutrient Management, updates on Seed industry issues and a panel discussion to help growers and seed retailers understand what is a Variety Use agreement, what is Value Creation all about and how will it support research and variety development in cereal grains. We encourage you to plan to attend. Please remember to **register online** for arranging the luncheon numbers.

The annual general meeting of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association will be held in Whistler BC from July 7th to 10th. This will be a very pivotal meeting in the process of aligning the seed industry partners and the myriad of regulatory responsibilities. Full registration details can be found on the CSGA website: <https://seedgrowers.ca/csgas-annual-general-meeting/> Early Bird registration is May 29. Consider attending this meeting and enjoy the many events that organizers have planned.

OSGA board members attended several other provincial branch AGMs over the winter months. It is always educational to learn about perspectives and issues of concern to the seed industry across Canada. Some of us also participated in a professional development facilitated session to identify and develop the training needs for our industry. We have diverse operations, but many of the same skills are essential to business success and this is what National Occupational Standards are all about. Stay tuned for more updates in this area as CSGA continues its work with the Canadian Ag Human Resources Council (CAHRC).

We wish you a safe planting season and a prosperous summer and hope to see you soon at one of the organized events.

Peter Szentimrey
President

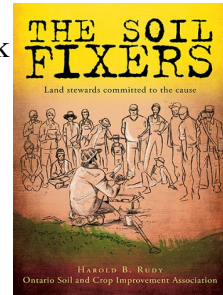
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The Soil Fixers

30 Years in the Making - Presented by Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association featuring Harold B. Rudy

The much-anticipated publication, *The Soil Fixers*, celebrated with an official book launch with friends and colleagues of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) assembling at the Cutten Fields in Guelph on Tuesday evening, November 13, 2018. Reflecting on a 30-year career at OSCIA, book author Harold Rudy has captured key events, stories and highlights focused on many land stewardship activities over this time-period. The night was complemented with fine food, musical entertainment and a special appearance by author and playwright, Dan Needles.



“Several history books of OSCIA have been published previously back to its origin in 1939, but *The Soil Fixers* is more than a history book. It is our stories, much of it related to our quest for improved soil management”, says Rudy. “If you are interested to learn how farmers, along with government and industry partners, strive to preserve soil as our most precious resource, and secure safe and nutritious food production for future generations, *The Soil Fixers* is a must read.”

OSCIA’s mission is to facilitate responsible economic management of soil, water, air and crops through development and communication of innovative farming practices. “Our members have been anxiously awaiting the publication of *The Soil Fixers*”, says OSCIA past President, Peter McLaren. “As a senior manager in the organization for more than three decades, Harold was very well connected to Ontario agriculture and has collected many experiences and observations as he travelled down the stewardship road.”

The *Soil Fixers* can be purchased directly from the publisher, FriesenPress bookstore.
<https://books.friesenpress.com>

For more information, contact Harold Rudy at hrudy@ontariosoilcrop.org or 519-241-1864



Senator Rob Black presented Helen Fell and family with an award in recognition of her late husband and long time seed grower Lorne Fell of Rosebank Seed Farms Ltd in Staffa Ontario. Lorne was posthumously inducted into the Perth County Agricultural Hall of Fame and the celebration took place on April 18. Congratulations to the Fell family.





Ontario Seed Growers' Association Field Day

Wednesday, June 26/19
Itinerary

Location: Alliance Agri-Turf
Fertilizer Plant – 6411 County Rd 10 Alliston
Seed Plant – 7386 9th Line Thornton

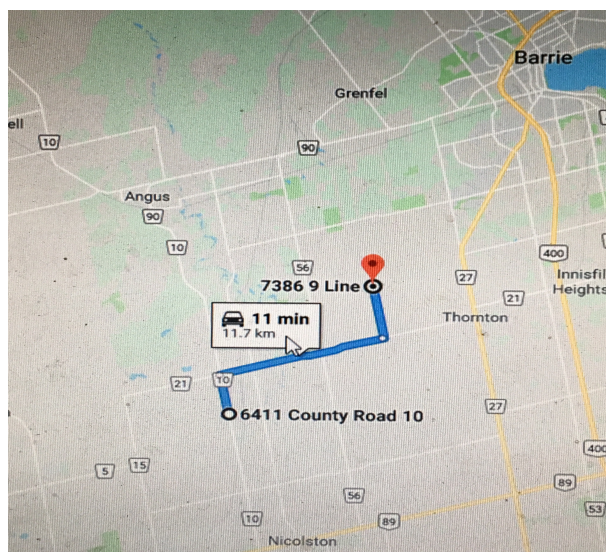


- 9:00 am Arrival at Fertilizer Plant - 6411 County Rd 10 Alliston
Coffee and Registration (sponsored by SeCan)
- 9:30 am Welcome from OSGA President – Peter Szentimrey and host
Ian Sponagle, Manager Alliance Agri-Turf
Tour state of the art new fertilizer plant in groups
- 10:30 am Tour of seed plots – Inoculant and Seed Treatment product suppliers
Corteva, Syngenta, Bayer and Xitebio
- 11:30 am Head by car to Seed Plant - 7386 9th Line Thornton, ON
- 12:00 BBQ Lunch (Beef-on-a-Bun, Salads and Pies)
Sponsored by Seed Treatment Product suppliers
- 1:00 pm The What, Where and Why of 4R Nutrient Stewardship principles
- Steph Kowalski, Lead Agronomist, Agromart
- 1:50 pm Seed Synergy Update from CSGA National Directors
- Dale Connell and David MacKellar
- 2:00 pm Funding Variety Development Through a Trailing Royalty Model
- Panelists include:
Ellen Sparry, C & M Seeds
Don McClure, New Age Seed Inc.
Lorne Hadley, Cdn Plant Technology Agency
Seed grower reps: Jason Veenstra & Joe Hickson
- 3:00 pm Adjourn

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Please register at: www.seedontario.ca/field-day by
June 19/19



COMING EVENTS

June 24 University of Guelph Wheat Breeding Program Open House 1-4 pm Elora Research Station. For more details contact wilkern@uoguelph.ca

June 26 OSGA Field Day hosted by Alliance Agri-Turf 9 am – 3 pm Agenda follows. Register online by **June 21**

July 7-10 CSGA Annual Meeting Fairmont Chateau Whistler BC Early bird registration **May 29**

October 27-29 Advancing Women in Agriculture Conference Sheraton on the Falls, Niagara Falls

December 10 OSGA Annual Meeting Kingston ON Ambassador Hotel



Delegate program

Sunday, July 7 President's Reception – Woodlands Terrace

Monday, July 8

Morning - Seed Synergy Collaboration Project –
Joint CSTA-CSGA Session
Lunch, Woodlands Terrace
Afternoon - CSGA General Business Session
and CSGA / CSTA joint “Fireside Chat”
Family Fun Night

Tuesday, July 9

Morning - CSGA Continuing Business Sessions
and joint CSGA / CSTA session on Value
Creation
CSGA Awards Luncheon
Afternoon - Business Session
Gala Cocktail and Banquet

Wednesday, July 10

Morning - CSGA Business Session
Joint session on Plant Breeding Innovation

Visit the CSGA Website for the full agenda
www.seedgrowers.ca

Companion Program

Sunday, July 7
Family Icebreaker and Reception –
Woodlands Terrace

Monday, July 8

Whistler Olympic Park Visit the
Olympic Sliding Center and enjoy a
guided walk down the official track of
the 2010 Olympic Bobsled, Luge and
Skeleton competitions.
Evening – Family Fun Night

Tuesday, July 9

Gala Cocktail and Banquet

Youth Program

Sunday, July 7
Family Icebreaker and Reception –
Woodlands Terrace

Monday, July 8

Whistler Village, Treetrekking and
Gondola ride
Evening – Family Fun Night

Tuesday, July 9

Evening – Pizza Party