



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
GRAPEGROWERS'
ASSOCIATION**

News & Updates!

August 2013

The BC Grapegrowers' Association invites you to their second annual

CELEBRATION OF HARVEST

ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2013

To know a good wine is to know a great grapegrower!

DETAILS TO NOTE

LOCATION

Thee VineGlass Vineyard Renewal Resort on Sumac Road off Highway Three, Cawston, BC

WHAT TO BRING

A bottle of wine from your cellar or favourite winery to share, a swimsuit & towel for a dip in the pool and hot tub, an appetite for a great meal, and an attitude of anticipation for a wonderful night of celebration!

COST

\$65.00 per person

Tickets can be purchased:

- Online at www.grapegrowers.bc.ca
- Cheque sent to the **BC Grapegrowers' Association** at **451 Atwood Road, Grand Forks, BC, V0H 1H9**
- By contacting **Ed Schiller** at eschille@shaw.ca or 250-860-4061

Be sure to send us an e-mail at bcga@nethop.net or phone us at 1-877-762-4652 so that we can reserve your ticket!

TRANSPORTATION

We will have a shuttle bus sponsored by Engage Agro/BASF doing runs to Penticton and Osoyoos. Contact us by e-mail at bcga@nethop.net or at 1-877-762-4652 for more details and to take advantage of this service

ACCOMMODATIONS

'No services' camping is available on-site for \$20/night for those who wish to stay.

We've also secured reduced rates at the following hotels (be sure to mention that you are with the BC Grapegrowers' Association):

Walnut Beach Resort 1-877-936-5400
\$139/night

Coast Osoyoos Beach Hotel 250-495-6525
From \$99 - \$129/night (various rooms)

SPONSORS

(as of 31 July 2013)

**Engage Agro/BASF
Growers Supply Company Ltd
Farm Credit Canada
Thee Vineglass Vineyard & Renewal Resort**

**Nufarm Agriculture Inc
Orchard & Vine Magazine Ltd
Quail Estates**

If you'd like to join this list of sponsors (with great advertising benefits!), please contact our office at bcga@nethop.net

DOOR PRIZES

(as of 31 July 2013)

**Dirty Laundry Winery & Vineyards
Liquidity Wines**

**MNP LLP (Meyers, Norris, Penny)
Superior Peat Inc**

Vibrant Vine Winery

EI DuPont Canada Company has provided take-away gift bags for attendees – anyone wishing to contribute items to be added to these bags is welcome to contact us at bcga@nethop.net.

Don't miss this excellent opportunity to advertise your business, sell your grapes, or expand your contacts!



Live music for dancing and celebrating will be provided by Fighting Orange



SPECIAL DRAW

Tickets will be available for purchase for several items generously donated by some of our sponsors. Look for the person with the tickets when you arrive to ensure you're name is entered to win!



Check our website for more details!
www.grapegrowers.bc.ca

Gourmet Catering

Provided by
Jeremy Schorb –
**winner of the
2013
Similkameen
Barbeque
King award**



Triggs International Premium Vinifera Lecture Series at CCOVI



Brock University's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) is pleased to announce the 2013 Triggs International Premium Vinifera Lecture series will be held in Ontario and British Columbia. The lecture series presents a leading international viticultural speaker to lend their expertise through vineyard visits and a public lecture on key issues relation to premium vinifera grape production.



2013 Featured Speaker

Kobus Hunter, PhD

Department of Viticulture and Oenology
Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Topic

Ways to manage quality under erratic environmental conditions



British Columbia Schedule:

Tuesday, August 27

Vineyard Visits and Technical Workshop

Four sites will be examined with vineyard topics at each location. Participants are encourage to attend all of the sessions, but you can also jump in and out depending on your schedule. Lunch will be sponsored by VineTech Canada—RSVP is required to bcwgc@telus.net by August 20.



Wednesday, August 28

Public Lecture — 7 p.m.

Location: PARC, 4200 Highway 97, Summerland
(Reception to follow)

Topic: Ways to manage quality under erratic environmental conditions.

Join us for a most informative experience.

All sessions are free, however an RSVP to bcwgc@telus.net is required by August 20, 2013.

With more than 27 years of experience Kobus Hunter's research focus is on establishing practical applicable principles to increase grape and wine quality.

"The grapevine is an extremely forgiving entity, but with great potential for product excellence—achieving the latter requires understanding and skill from both viticulturists and winemakers," says Hunter.

Additional details, including the full schedule of the two-day lecture series, our speaker's biography, vineyard site locations and more, will be posted as they become available at: bcwgc.org



BASF Canada is a new sponsor for the lecture series.

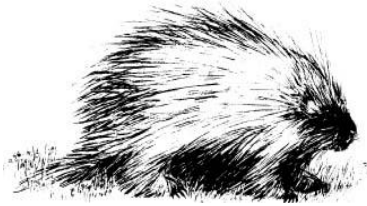
For information on the lecture in Ontario, go to: brocku.ca/ccovi



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Family Farm Business Succession Planning Workshops

Growing Forward 2 (a provincial-territorial initiative)
BCGA and BCFGA in cooperation with the BC Ministry of Agriculture

For most farm families, planning for succession is the toughest and most critical challenge they face. Yet succession planning can also be a great opportunity to maximize opportunities and once the plan is finalized, there is the satisfaction of knowing that the best effort has been made to meet the needs, goals and wishes of everyone involved.

Succession Planning takes more than a few days, in many cases it may take several years to finalize. There is a lot of discussion and information gathering to be done and having some tools and insight into the process will help. To assist you in tackling Succession Planning, we have designed a workshop that will provide a neutral environment to explore the "need to do" list and provide feedback (consulting) from a lawyer and accountant.

At the end of the workshops, participants will have an understanding of a process that will assist them with information gathering, goal setting as well as information on tax tools and issues, business arrangements, life interests, security, methods of owning property, will planning and life insurance.

The schedule is:

9:00am Registration (coffee & muffins)
9:30 – 12:00 Morning Session
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (included in registration)
1:00 – 3:30 Afternoon Session

Cost:

\$20/person for first 3 members of same family
\$60/family for 4 or 5 members of same family
\$80/family for 6 or 7 members of same family
\$100/family for 8 or 10 members of same family

TWO SESSIONS ARE OFFERED

PENTICTON – 14 AUGUST 2013

Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce upstairs in the Wine Info Centre/VQA Wine Shop in the large boardroom

Corner of Railway Street & Veas Drive, Penticton, BC

OSOYOOS – 15 AUGUST 2013

Sonora Community Centre in Multipurpose Room #1 on the ground floor

8505 – 68th Avenue, Osoyoos, BC

REGISTRATION

Maximum registration for each day is 35 people, so be sure to register early!

Registrations will be handled by Elaine Miedema of the BC Fruit Growers' Association. You can register by phoning Elaine at 1-800-619-9022, ext 21, or by e-mailing her at emiedema@bcfga.com

Payment can be made in one of the following ways:

MAILED CHEQUE

- Make it payable to the BC Fruit Growers' Association
- Mail it attention Elaine Miedema to 1473 Water Street, Kelowna, BC, V1Y 1J6
- Be sure to call us when it's mailed!

CREDIT CARD

- Phone Elaine at 1-800-619-9022, ext 21 and give her your credit card number along with the information required below

CASH OR CHEQUE

- Cheques are made payable to the BC Fruit Growers' Association
- Cheques and cash can be given to the registrar when you attend the workshop
- Please call to ensure you're registered!

Complete the following form and (1) scan and e-mail it to Elaine (emiedema@bcfga.com) or (2) fax it to Elaine at 250-861-9089

Primary Contact Name: _____ E-mail Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Attendees Names	Choose Which Session		Any Dietary Requirements?
	Penticton	Osoyoos	

For more information, contact:



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EXCITING NEWS!

BC Agriculture Council has partnered with Chrysler Canada to provide exclusive savings off the purchase of new Chrysler, Dodge, or Jeep vehicles.

"At BCAC, we are committed to continuously adding value to our Farmer ID card program," remarks Rhonda Driediger, Chair of BCAC. *"This fleet arrangement with Chrysler Canada will save BC farmers and ranchers thousands of dollars."*

To successfully access the program, simply:

1. Provide your local Chrysler dealership with your BCAC Farmer ID card, GST number, and the BCAC Fleet Administration #N3752
2. You will automatically be eligible for the BCAC fleet discount and concessions for 2013 or 2014 vehicles. No negotiating and no hassle – you will automatically receive exclusive fleet discounts

"Ontario farmers saved over \$600,000 with the purchase of 76 Chrysler vehicles in just the first three months of the program," stated Neil Currie, Executive Director of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. *"Because it's a discount off the wholesale price, it beats the savviest negotiator every time."*

For more information, contact Cheryl Davie (Manager of Policy & Communications) at BC Agriculture Council by phone at (604) 854-4454 or by e-mail at communications@bcac.bc.ca or visit their website at www.bcac.bc.ca

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Agriculture & Agri-food Canada (AAFC) and the BC Ministry of Agriculture have announced the launch of the Canada – BC Agri-Innovation Program. This program is a \$3 million, two-year commitment through the Growing Forward 2 agreement. It's a cost-shared program that will allow industry to access funding to support the acceleration of innovation. The late-stage research projects must lead to commercialisation and/or adoption of innovative products, technologies, and practices. For example, projects that could be considered include the following:

- Advancements in plant, animal, and food science
- Energy and waste management
- New product development and commercialisation
- Improvements in soil, water, and air quality
- Climate change adaptation

To be eligible, applicants must be appropriately registered, licensed and/or certified to conduct business in BC. Eligible applicants may include the following:

- BC agri-food producers and processors
- Industry associations and organisations
- Retail and food-service businesses
- Input, technology, and support service providers
- Academic institutions and/or other organisations and private sector businesses
- Regional districts and local governments

The Canada BC Agri-Innovation Program is being delivered by the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC. Information and application forms are available at <http://iafbc.ca/agri-innovation.htm>. For more information, contact **Peter Donkers** (Executive Director) by telephone at (250) 356-6654 or by e-mail at pdonkers@iafbc.ca.