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Landscape Ontario Ottawa Chapter



CHT Excellence Continues



Upcoming Events in the Ottawa Chapter:

<i>October Chapter Meeting - RA Centre, 10 am-noon</i>	<i>Oct 20</i>
<i>Prosperity Partners-Introductory Course</i>	<i>Nov 2</i>
<i>CHT Review Seminar</i>	<i>Nov 9</i>
<i>November Chapter Meeting RA Centre, 10 am-noon</i>	<i>Nov 17</i>
<i>Operating Budgets' seminar with Mark Bradley (3-day)</i>	<i>Dec 2, 3,4</i>
<i>LO Ottawa Family Fun Holiday Gathering</i>	<i>Dec 5</i>
<i>Prosperity Partners—Best Practices</i>	<i>Dec 8</i>
<i>GreenTrade Expo, 9-4, Lansdowne Park</i>	<i>Feb 17</i>

The CHT Eastern Ontario committee is proud to once again have hosted a first-class Certified Horticultural Technician (CHT) Evaluation session at Kemptville College – some say the best yet in East Ontario thanks to our many volunteers!

Twenty-six candidates and over 50 volunteers participated in the 2-day evaluations on August 13th and 14th. The site, which received highest commendation from the international observer, was in beautiful condition thanks to the committed industry volunteers who worked so hard in the weeks prior to the evaluations.

This event yielded many benefits. Participants and volunteers

forged some wonderful connections, and industry professionalism – which benefits us all - was ramped-up several notches as the desire for industry excellence and cooperation came together.

CHT is moving forward steadily and surely. It benefits individuals, companies, homeowners

and the industry in general. If your company has not yet participated in CHT, we invite you to look into the many benefits. Any of the 50 volunteers and sponsors listed below can tell you how it benefits them!

CHT is run by industry people for the benefit of the industry. It would not be possible without the help from many volun-

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Volunteers Pause from Training Session for a Photo

Stellar Golf Day for Chapter

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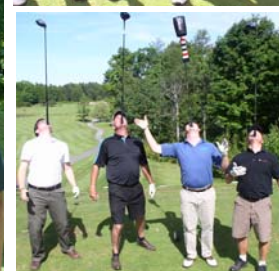
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There could not have been a more perfect day for golf than the Ottawa Chapter's tournament on August 27th. Sun, a cool breeze, and high spirits were just some of the highlights. Almost 100 golfers enjoyed the day. Many thanks to our sponsors, volunteers and event chairs Patrick Charest and Tim Kearney. As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words~!



Members Agree— It's good to take a break now & then!



Money /Grief Saving Tips



From your board of directors, here are 4 tips that will save you grief and big money!

1. The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) now requires you to have a permit to dig **for any reason**. Contact them at 877-682-8772.

2. Phone/driving ban came into effect September 1st. Here's what is banned: cellphones (even at a stop light), dialing, BlackBerrys, texting, hand-held GPS. Hands-

free units are still allowed. Offenders will receive a fine and 6 demerit points.

3. The 'Urban Tree Conservation By-law' came into effect in Ottawa on September 1st. It affects the cutting of trees over 50cm in diameter. Visit www.ottawa.ca.

4. Commercial Vehicle Operator's Registration (CVOR) now has a yearly 'user fee' - \$100 for the first year, \$50 yearly after that to renew.

Kudos for Community Work

The Cancer Survivors Park in Ottawa is a public park offering green space for reflection, motivation, serenity and inspiration to cancer patients and survivors, their friends and families.

Members of Landscape Ontario's Ottawa chapter helped to build the site (located on 4.5 acres at the busy intersections of Alta Vista Dr., Industrial Ave., and Riverside Dr.) last spring. The giving has continued all this

season, as some members have continued to donate their time in order to upkeep the site. Each and every Wednesday morning you will see crews keeping the site beautiful. Our thanks go to the following people, companies and their crews for their continued dedication to this worthy cause: Ryan Kearney (Garden Creations of Ottawa Limited), Chris Burns (Clintar Landscape Management – Ottawa), Bill

Bitz, (Bytowne Lawn Experts), Sarah Johnston (Green life Landscaping), Ed Hansen (Hansen Lawn & Gardens Ltd), Susan Bedhun (Horticare Landscaping), Richard Rogers (RJ Rogers Landscaping Ltd.) and the crew from Ganden Landscapes: Nicole Ropars, Todd Lynch, Rebecca Marshall, Mandy Peddle, Kyle Jordan and Shane Jordan.

Thank You!

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teers, and the Eastern Ontario committee would like to warmly thank all of the following individuals: Stephen Anderson, Steve Barker, Bill Bitz, John Boskie, Eric Brooks, Chris Burns CHT, Dan Clost CHT, Richard Coleman CHT, Trevor Cullen CHT, Paul Doornbos CLP CHT, Tim Dyer, Mike Fulcher, Jean-Paul Gervais, Kassie Harvey, Sonja Hirsig CHT, Kennedy Johnston, Sarah Johnston, Shane Jordan CHT, Ryan Kearney CHT, Tim Kearney CLP, Darrell Kekanovich CHT, Chris Klingbeil CHT, Brad Koski CHT, Phil Lindsay CHT, Jeff

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Sponsors are invaluable and contribute products, funds and volunteers (or all three!). The day would not have been possible without the following sponsors: Allan Johnson's Equipment – Metcalfe, B&T McFarlane – Ottawa, Battlefield, Distribution Viking, Echo, Gan-

den Landscapes, Garden Creations of Ottawa Ltd, Geosynthetic Systems, Greely Sand and Gravel, Gro Bark, Manderley Turf Products Inc, Mathews Equipment Ltd. Ottawa, Permacon Group, RJ Rogers Landscaping, Stihl, and the Upper Canada Chapter of Landscape Ontario. We thank you for your commitment to the industry!

CHT is building momentum... we invite you to contact home office, or anyone on your chapter board to learn more about it.



October Ottawa Chapter Meeting Kicks off Fall

Mark your calendars for Tuesday October 20th at the RA Centre in Ottawa. Networking begins over coffee at 9:30 am and the meeting begins at 10 am. Bring along a colleague.

Chapter Meeting Exposure!

Sponsoring a chapter meeting is a great way to make your company and products known to Ottawa's landscape business leaders. October and November meeting still available to sponsors. Contact the Ottawa office at 613-796-5156.

Apprenticeship Starts in November:

Attached to this newsletter is a form that you can use to start the Apprenticeship process. Act now!

Membership renewal Time

You've already seen it in the mail...your LO membership renewal form. Renew now so your great LO membership benefits will continue. If we can answer any questions about your membership, please contact the Ottawa office.

Eastern Ontario Education

Keep watch for your Eastern Ontario Education Booklet, polybagged in the November issue or Horticulture Review. It lists dozens of educational, social and chapter meeting opportunities. On-line registration will be open in October.

Awards of Excellence

The online submission deadline is October 5th. Award winners for the 'Construction, Maintenance and Design' categories will be announced at Congress (January 12 - 14, 2010). For more details contact Kristen McIntyre at LO Home office: 800-265-5656 Ext 321, or visit loawards.com.

GreenTrade Expo Feb 17th

Show your product or service to 1,000 industry professionals. To sponsor or become an exhibitor, contact 613-796-5156.

Don't Miss Garden Expo
October 20-21, Toronto.