

# BC Fruit Growers' Association

## Friday File

October 28, 2016



## BC Young Farmers' presents...

### Okanagan Networking Event

Saturday, November 5, 2016

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place and address</u>
13:45	Tour of Dorenberg Orchards 1645 Goldie Road, Lake Country
15:00	Tour of Gray Monk Estate Winery 1055 Camp Road, Lake Country
16:00	Refreshments at Lake Country Curling Club 9830 Bottom Wood Lake Road, Lake Country

This event is free. Please RSVP by emailing [info@bcyf.ca](mailto:info@bcyf.ca)

*What is a young farmer? Under 41 years of age!*

## Farm Succession and Business Planning Sessions

Speaking of young farmers - register now for these informative sessions in November

Farm Succession Planning Nov. 22nd Ramada, Kelowna

<http://www.bc4h.bc.ca/plugins/userData/Farm%20Succession%20Poster%20FINAL.pdf>

Agri-Food Business Planning Program Nov 16 & 17th at Regional District of Central Okanagan office, 1450 KLO Rd., Kelowna. Registration required.

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1102437356747&ca=d33b28c9-1386-455b-96ca-931b8634c620>

## BCFGA John Hall Bursary

Okanagan College bursary unclaimed, application re-opened



Dear Students of BCFGAs members,

We would like to let you know about an award opportunity for the BCFGAs Rob Hall Award.

One Award of \$1,000 is available for a student enrolled full-time in either the Science Program or Bachelor of Business Administration Program at any campus of Okanagan College that meets the following criteria:

- 1) Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident.
- 2) Immediate family member of a BC Fruit Growers' Association (BCFGAs) member in good standing.
- 3) Completed one or more years of full-time study in either a Science program or the Bachelor of Business Administration program at any campus of Okanagan College.
- 4) Returning the following September for a subsequent year of full-time study in that program.
- 5) Based on academic achievement and financial need, with emphasis on financial need.

Here's how to apply for the award:

Complete fully and return [the application](#) to Student Services Welcome Centre (S Building next to Registrar's Office) no later than November 18th, 2016.

Start your application today! If you have any questions please contact us at [awards@okanagan.bc.ca](mailto:awards@okanagan.bc.ca).

## AgriTourism Amendments

Regulation Amendments for AgriTourism were made in July (some further amendments are expected in the next month). The recent amendments clarified what is considered an AgriTourism event, and place the following restrictions on such events:

- permanent facilities must not be constructed for the event.
- parking must be on-farm, but must not be permanent or interfere with the farm.
- no more than 150 people at the event at any one time.
- An event cannot exceed 24 hours duration
- no more than 10 events per calendar year.

If AgriTourism events are being considered which do not meet these restrictions, then the farm may apply for a permit.

Here is the change to the actual regulation:

[http://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/assets/alc/assets/legislation-and-regulation/the-act-and-regulation/oic\\_602\\_2016\\_agri\\_tourism\\_in\\_the\\_alr.pdf](http://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/assets/alc/assets/legislation-and-regulation/the-act-and-regulation/oic_602_2016_agri_tourism_in_the_alr.pdf)

## AgriTech Innovation Conference

Register if you are interested



This one-day event on November 14, 2016 - and held in Kelowna - will provide a platform for the agriculture and agrifood sector to communicate their challenges and needs to a select audience of B.C. innovators (startups, established companies, researchers) with agritech solutions. Attendees will engage in discussions on how to address the challenges identified by B.C.'s agriculture industry. The event will:

- Introduce agriculture and agrifood industry challenges to B.C. innovators.
- Enable B.C. innovators to ask technical questions, to better understand the challenge opportunities for their innovative solutions.
- Provide opportunities for agritech companies to mold their product innovations to better serve the agriculture and agrifood industry.
- Provide opportunities for agriculture and agrifood representatives to explore the potential benefits of tech adoption.
- Provide B.C. tech companies the experience to discover a growing market opportunity.
- Build relationships among B.C. innovators, industry contacts, and government organizations in the agriculture and agrifood sector.

For more information and to apply to attend: <https://agritechinnovation.ca/home/event/>

## Agriculture and Seafood Conference

Register if you are interested



November 14-15, 2016

Coast Capri Hotel in Kelowna, B.C.

Presented by B.C.'s Ministry of Agriculture

The conference key note speaker is **Vikram Vij**, chef, restaurateur, certified sommelier, award-winning cook book author, and Food Network host and judge.

Join the conversation on how to further strengthen the security of British Columbia's food supply.

The BC Agrifood and Seafood Conference is an opportunity for industry members to develop, strengthen, and build relationships while shaping the future of our agrifood and seafood sectors. Attend interactive panel discussions and breakout sessions on

- industry innovation,
- domestic growth,
- access to markets,
- food supply security.

Connect with B.C. producers, processors, retailers, institutional purchasers, transporters and agritech suppliers.

Here is the website to find more information and register for the Agriculture and Seafood Conference: [www.gov.bc.ca/bcagrifoodseafoodconference.ca](http://www.gov.bc.ca/bcagrifoodseafoodconference.ca)

## Tree Fruit Replant Program 2017

Last day to apply is Monday, October 31, 2016

This is the last notice to get Replant Program applications completed - our office is open until 4:00 pm Monday, October 31. You may email your application to [bzarr@bcfga.com](mailto:bzarr@bcfga.com), or mail it (post dated no later than October 31, 2016), or bring it to our office no later than 4 pm October 31.

[www.bcfga.com](http://www.bcfga.com) for more information.

### How to contact the BCFGGA Office

BCFGGA Office - 250-762-5226  
Toll free -1-800-619-9022



- Brenda Zarr, Member Services and Replant Admin, local 1.
- Glen Lucas, General Manager, local 2.
- Bunvir Nijjer, Corporate Secretary and Seasonal Agriculture Worker Program, local 4.

**Dates and Events**- check the [BCFGGA Calendar](#) on our website for more information

### Licensing Your Well

#### Workshops being planned

The BCFGGA is partnering with the BC Cattlemen's Association and the BC Agriculture Council to hold two workshops on registering water wells. The sessions may be held in early December.

Workshops will be held in Cawston and Oliver.

Wells registered before March 31, 2017 will have their priority date established as of the earliest evidence of use (e.g. well drilling records) and there is no fee.

If registering a well after March 31, 2017, the priority dates may be later than established first use and a fee may be charged (depending on date of registration).

Watch the newsletter for a notice of this session.

## Meetings Attended recently and upcoming

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>BCFGA representative</b>
Nov. 1	Fruit and Tree Nut Biosecurity	Glen Lucas
Nov. 2	National Plant and Animal Health Strategy, consultation	Peter Simonsen
Nov. 2	COGA Session: Making the Transition Under the New BC Societies Act	Bunvir Nijjer
Nov. 3	National Apple Competition	
Nov. 5	BC Young Farmers Tour, Lake Country	
Nov. 7-8	Mexico SAWP Annual Meeting	Pinder Dhaliwal, Glen Lucas
Nov. 9-10	Apple Research Priorities	Pinder Dhaliwal, Glen Lucas
Nov. 13-16	Caribbean SAWP Annual Meeting	Pinder Dhaliwal, Glen Lucas
Nov. 14	AgriTech Innovation Challenge, Kelowna	
Nov. 14-15	BC Agriculture and Seafood Conference, Coast Capri, Kelowna	
Nov. 24	Board Training Session, Centre for Organizational Governance in Agriculture, Kelowna	BCFGA Executive
Nov. 30	BCFGA Executive meeting	
Dec. 3	Deadline for resolutions to be submitted to the BCFGAs	
Feb 2-3	BCFGA Annual Convention Penticton Lakeside Resort	