

Media Release

Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame

New Home for Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame (OAHF)

Guelph, March 30, 2016. The Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame Association is pleased to announce the Hall of Fame Gallery is moving to Guelph. An open house and reception will be held in the gallery's new home on the 2nd Floor of the Ontario AgriCentre, 100 Stone Road West in Guelph, on Friday April 29 at 3:00 p.m.

An exciting new addition to the gallery is an electronic kiosk where visitors will be able to search and find any inductee. The gallery will feature the current year's inductees and will also display 20 previous inductees' portraits and citations. All other original citations and artwork will be preserved in the archives at the nearby University of Guelph, and can be viewed by appointment.

"We are so pleased we have found a new home for the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame (OAHF) at the Ontario AgriCentre building in Guelph - a high profile, professional home for agricultural organizations and related companies", says OAHF President Barry Fraser. "Although we have valued our location for the past 36 years at Country Heritage Park in Milton, our move brings us to a centre of excellence in Ontario for the agricultural, food industry and rural sectors. The gallery will have increased visibility, easy access and be aided by our new electronic kiosk. We will be able to even better profile and honour our past, current and future inductees in keeping with the growth and development of Ontario's agriculture and agri-food industries," adds Fraser.

Rob Hannam, President of the Ontario AgriCentre is very excited the gallery will now be showcased at the Ontario AgriCentre. "We are very pleased to welcome the Hall of Fame Gallery to Guelph. It is important to celebrate the contributions the inductees have made to food, farming and the environment. It is a natural fit for the Ontario AgriCentre which is home to many leading agricultural organizations and agribusinesses," says Hannam.

This year five leaders will be inducted into the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame on Sunday June 12, 2016 in the Gambrel Barn at Country Heritage Park in Milton. Tickets are now available for the induction ceremony on the website at www.oahf.on.ca

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It is the mission of the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame Association to acknowledge, record, and preserve the contributions made by leaders to the growth and development of Ontario's agriculture and agri-food industry. Currently 210 individuals have been inducted into the Hall of Fame Gallery.

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