

Ontario Turfgrass Symposium Heads to the Falls

JOIN US FOR ONTARIO'S PREMIER TURF CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW

The Ontario Turfgrass Symposium Executive Committee is pleased to announce that OTS 2004, Ontario's premier educational turf symposium and trade show, will be hosted at the Sheraton on the Falls Hotel and Conference Centre in Niagara Falls (www.sheratononthefalls.com).

The Sheraton on the Falls is Niagara's foremost four diamond resort hotel – and the only hotel across from the Falls offering spectacular views. Luxurious rooms and suites, an indoor swimming pool, the Fallsview Spa and Fitness Centre and the award-winning Penthouse Fallsview dining room are all part of this exciting 20-acre complex.

All under one roof, conference attendees will be able to enjoy shops and restaurants, including the Hard Rock Café, Planet Hollywood, the Rainforest Café, the MGM Studios Plaza, as well as the spectacular Casino Niagara. In addition, the Ontario Turfgrass Symposium will be held during the Niagara Falls Festival of Lights, a spectacular lighting of parks along the river as well as a nightly light show highlighting the Falls.

The Niagara Butterfly Conservatory, Niagara Parks Greenhouses, estate

wineries and factory outlet shopping are all a short drive from the hotel. The hotel complex and surrounding area holds a wide range of attractions for symposium delegates and their families.

Sheraton on the Falls provides comfortable meeting rooms and a spacious exhibit area. The education program has been enhanced this year in recognition of the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association joining the Nursery Sod Growers Association, Professional Lawn Care Association of Ontario and the Sports Turf Association in sponsoring the symposium.

A facilities management session focusing on the logistics of managing special event programming will be added to the existing golf, lawn care, sod production and sports turf management sessions covering the latest in scientific research, practical turf management, legislation, technology, human resource management and much more.

The three-day program is scheduled for January 19-21, 2004. To receive an exhibitor or delegate package, please contact the Office of Open Learning at the University of Guelph at 519-767-5000 or info@open.uoguelph.ca. ♦

Odds and Ends

10th Anniversary Celebrated

The Guelph Turfgrass Institute celebrated the 10th anniversary of the opening of the G.M. Frost Research & Information Centre building on August 20, 2003. Present for the festivities were building namesake Mac Frost, his wife Beth and other family members, research tour participants, and representatives from industry, government and the university. Congratulations!

Quotes of the Month

Grass is the forgiveness of nature – her constant benediction. Forests decay, harvests perish, flowers vanish, but grass is immortal. *Brian Ingalls*

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

-*Albert Camus*

STA Membership Plaques

Display membership plaques are available in executive engraved walnut. Just \$50 plus S&H. To order, contact Lee Huether at the STA office.

Winter 2003 Submissions

If you have something you'd like to submit for the next issue, please forward it to the STA office by October 31, 2003.

Editorial Content

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Voice Your Opinion!

We appreciate all member feedback. To make this process easier, we have a form on our website, www.sportsturfassociation.com, under the "newsletter" link called *Feedback*. Check it out!

Register now for the industry event of the year!

2004 Ontario Turfgrass Symposium

Educational Conference & Trade Show, January 19-21, 2004

Sheraton on the Falls, Niagara Falls, Ontario

Three Ways to Save...

1. Early Bird Registration Date: Dec. 5, 2003
2. Association Discount. As an STA member in good standing, you qualify for lower association rates.
3. Group Discount. Others from your facility/organization who are not STA members **when registered with a member** qualify for the lower association rates. Send the registration in the same envelope, fax it at the same time, or make just one phone call to register.



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