

ONTARIO TURF NEWS

GTI Open House

A public open house (see above photo) was held on August 16 at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute & Environmental Research Centre to celebrate the 20-year partnership between the Ontario turfgrass industry, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the University of Guelph. The open house featured lawn care demonstrations, flower-arranging workshops, turfgrass and environmental research presentations, and tours of the Guelph Trial Garden, which showcases flowers and plants that grow best in southwestern Ontario. The event concluded with turfgrass researcher Dr. Eric Lyon's famous pulled pork on a bun followed by a performance by GTI Director Rob Witherspoon's bluegrass band, the Speed River Valley Mountain Boys.

Turf Managers' Short Course 2008

Turf managers and their staff having been attending the Turf Managers' Short Course (TMSC) as a source of training and credentials for over 30 years. This four week program makes use of an impressive combination of University faculty and industry professionals to facilitate discussion regarding the latest research and maintenance issues encountered by turf professionals. Turfgrass performance, resource planning and environmental stresses are some of the many areas covered.

Come to the University of Guelph and get the training you need to succeed. The TMSC runs from January 28 to February 22. Call 519.767.5000 or visit our website at www.open.uoguelph.ca/turfmanager for more information. This program fills up fast so please register early!

Get Ready for OTS 2008!

THE ONTARIO Turfgrass Symposium is returning to Rozanski Hall at the University of Guelph, Tuesday, February 19 and Wednesday,

> February 20, 2008. Speakers from both industry and academia will provide valuable insight regarding many turf topics. This, the 17th an-

nual Ontario Turfgrass Symposium, provides del-

egates the opportunity to participate in informative and engaging sessions reflecting the many important trends in turf management.

Golf course staff, sports turf/recreation and lawn care professionals and sod growers can all benefit from the variety of topics, including: new dandelion biocontrol, induced resistance to turfgrass diseases, grey-water recycling and managing sports field energy consumption.

OTS is a wonderful opportunity to network with colleagues in the turf industry - exchanging ideas and practices that promote premium turf health. Attend OTS and discover what is happening in turf in Ontario, across the country and internationally.

Please visit the conference website at www.open.uoguelph.ca/ots or call 519.767.5000 for more information as it becomes available. We'll have more details in our winter newsletter.



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