

The purpose of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers is to build, maintain, and strengthen faith in God for the farmer, the farm family, and the community through presenting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.



The Fields are White

Wayne Clark, Executive Director

Needed: Heart of a Servant

"Time and tide wait for no man" was a favourite expression of an auntie of mine who lived with us while I was growing up. Time takes its toll and as we move on, Jesus Christ remains the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Since the beginning of the year, the administration of FCFC has been in transition from Edith Clark to Richard and Melissa Quesnel. We welcome this couple and wish them many years of joy in service for our Saviour through FCFC.

FCFC is looking forward to a new season with lots of activity. There are thousands of public events across this country and we have only scratched the surface. The Fellowship was able to witness to approximately 125,000 people in 2016 which represents a good effort by all involved.

The reality of it is that this represents 0.3 per cent of the population of Canada. As Christians, we believe that if revival, or awakening, is to come, it is one heart at a time. More people need to be told of the "Old Story".

How can FCF have a part in that?

The starting point is that we need more chapters. Mega chapters may have their place, but the steady chapter that does three or four events per year is in the direction that experience indicates that we should go.

As a Fellowship we need to be united– all pulling in the same direction at the same time. We are all in this together and we need fellowship with one another. The annual meeting and conference is a time to bring ideas forward. (Continued on page 6)

Looking Ahead – FCFC AGM & Spring Conference April 21-23, 2017 See Inside



President's Message Mike Sweeney

Prayer, Petition and Thanksgiving

Fellowship of Christian Farmers is ALL- ALL about Jesus, it's about Jesus when we are making the walking sticks, it's about Jesus when we are setting up and tearing down the tent, and it's about Jesus when we are travelling to the next fair. Ephesians says to give thanks to the Father <u>in Jesus Name</u>, and we in The Fellowship of Christian Farmers have much to thank God for; as you know we have been praying, asking God for an Administrator

in Head Office as Edith Clark, our beloved sister in the Lord after 16 years of service wanted to step aside. God brought our need to the attention of a young couple in Alexandria, Ontario who are not only administratively equipped but who have a heart to serve the Lord in this ministry.

We warmly welcome Richard and Melissa Quesnel to the ministry of Fellowship of Christian Farmers and also to the birth of their new baby, God is faithful and God is good all the time!

What a gold mine we have in prayer! What a privilege! Through prayer, mankind can speak with the Father in the Name of Jesus; at anytime, anywhere. It's more reliable and accurate than technology and much faster than the speed of light. We should do much of it every day.

I'll share with you something else that the leaders of FCF have been speaking to the Father about. Our present Executive Officer Wayne Clark would also like to join his wife Edith by stepping aside this year, giving someone else the opportunity to take the helm of FCF-C. We have made a request to the Father in the Name of His Son Jesus, we have asked for a replacement for Wayne, whether this person is a man or woman, young, middle aged or grey haired, we have left that up to the discretion of our Father.

John, the beloved Apostle said that there is a confidence - a knowing, that if we ask God anything that is according to His will, He hears us! And John goes on to say, since we know that He has heard us, we can then be assured that He has granted us the petition that we requested of Him. 1 John 5:14, 15 I am fully convinced that our omniscient God, whose eyes run to and fro throughout this great land of Canada, and whose arm is not shortened has already called, chosen and picked the man or woman who will be FCF-C next Executive Officer.

If we believe this, there is only one prayer left to pray and that is the prayer of thanksgiving – thanking God for our new E.O. Faith calls those things which be not (have not yet manifested in the natural) as though they were (for in the mind and heart of God He has already granted our request) Romans 4:17. I would ask each person reading this, that on a continual basis, from your heart, to Thank and Praise God for our new Executive Officer, and let God bring that person on the scene when He sees fit.



From the Desk of Bill Brown Well Done!!!

Time has a way of slipping away or so the song goes. This will be the 46th issue of "<u>The</u> <u>Sower</u>" that I've had the privilege of writing for. I had

written a column for every issue except one; when my wife, Kathy filled in. This column comes with joy in my heart but also with some sadness. You see, many years ago, 1996 to be exact: I met a farm couple from Quebec as they made the trip to Morrisville College, close to where I live, to participate in the FCFI Annual Conference that was hosted by our local chapter. It was a bitter sweet time for me as just 5 months earlier my first wife had passed away. Our chapter pulled together and with their support all went well. Little did I realize that a lifelong relationship would develop with that farm couple from Quebec. They volunteered at the first FCF sponsored outreach in Canada, the Elora Plowing Match. The next year they hosted the Navan Plowing Match near their home. Some of their ideas are still in use today, they rented a tent to give us more room to share the gospel, milk cans arrived on the scene and are still used today throughout Canada and the US as receptacles for sticks in the tents, and the list goes on. But, most of all, they stepped up to the plate as FCF-Canada was formed with very humble beginnings. They have served in various board capacities and of course as Ex. Dir. and Administrator.

Kathy and I have travelled thousands of miles

with them from FCFI Board Meetings to some of the very first outreach efforts in their beloved province of Quebec. They have always had a burden for their home as a mission field "ready for harvest." They responded to God's calling to take FCF-C to new heights. What a job they've done and what a joy for Kathy and I to walk beside them on this journey. Yes, there have been times of discouragement; even a few tears have been shed when things weren't going well. But, through it all God has been faithful and so have they!

Of course by now, you realize I've been referring to our great friends and co-workers for the Lord, Wayne and Edith Clark. Edith is stepping down from many of her responsibilities and Wayne continues to serve until a replacement can be found. The good news is that they want to continue to serve you and FCF-Canada in reduced roles. As for me I can say "Well Done, Good and Faithful **Servant.**" I'm sure it's not the only time they will hear those beautiful words. Our praver should be that we also will hear them from our Heavenly Father when we reach Home. Kathy and I love this couple and have truly enjoyed working with them and look forward to many more opportunities to do so.

Finally, I welcome Richard and Melissa in their new role of Office Administrators. May your time be as fruitful and rewarding as the Clarks.

Remember to give Him thanks in all things,

Bill Brown

FCF – Canada members serve in the States!

Five FCF-Canada members recently helped staff FCFI tents at events in Florida. Area Leader Bill Brown expressed thanks for all their help. Members not only helped staff the shows at events but also helped set up and take down tents. They were a blessing indeed. All of the members were snowbirds from Ontario and were veteran helpers. Helping out were Terry and Dale Taylor, Bert and Wilma Visscher and Mike and Leona Bastiaansen.

The FCFI Florida events are still going on as I write this but to date over 4400 folks have heard the gospel message. We have several testimonies worth sharing! A couple stopped by the Pioneer Days this year and wanted to share that after visiting our tent last year they went home and prayed to receive Christ. At the Strawberry Festival in Floral City a WW 11 Veteran, 96 year old Grover Good, accepted Christ. A man in his 60's felt he could never be forgiven because of the terrible things he had committed. You see, he was in the armed service and had killed many people. After explaining the gospel to him a burden lifted off and he accepted forgiveness. What a great God we serve. His wife was already a Christian and had been praying for him for years. Kathy and Bill want to thank all who have helped in past years in the south and especially the folks who made the job easier this year.



The entire group of FCF-Canada members stopped for a quick picture. L-R - Mike and Leona Bastiaansen, (C) Terry and Dale Taylor and) R) Bert Visscher

South Central Ontario Chapter - Wayne McConnachie

Over its three year history our chapter has had 258 people out sharing the gospel – 247 people came out for their first time with us. In addition, we've had some tremendous helpers – 27 people have been involved in preparing resources for us, and another 42 people from outside our region participated with us in one way or another. Last year our chapter's activities provided us the opportunity of giving out 37,135 gifts/sticks in 23 different communities (25 events were done). The largest event was the Royal Winter Fair.

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto

What a wonderful experience this year! (Nov 2016) Wow, we saw divine favour in several areas.

- As a result of last year's effort, Church on the Queensway helped sponsor us to get the gospel out, supplying 20% of our volunteers this year
- We wanted a more expensive corner aisle location we got it for free
- We desired 30 ft. of frontage space (vs 20 ft.) to accommodate our need we got it at no extra charge
- More people heard the gospel this year than any year at the Royal
- An abundance of volunteers filled our schedule for all ten days 20 shared with us for the first time
- A tremendous effort was put out by all 59 volunteers who came out for this event. We gave out approx. 14,000 gifts and sticks
- We had a special FCF guest, Jeff Goss, who came up from Missouri to share with us. Jeff spent five days at the Royal and said: *"It was such a joy to minister to such a diverse group of people and religions and see so many salvations. Thanks for letting me be a part of it."*

Thank-you Lord for answering prayer and showing us your generous favour!



To God be the glory!

"Our booth at the Royal: early morning before the rush begins!"

The Fields are White (Continued from the cover page)

"Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." Philippians 2:1-4

We are not lone wolves doing what is best in our own eyes. Read the book of Judges if anyone should think this. FCFC provides a framework for evangelism. Efforts are being made to produce a training video in English so that our volunteers can understand our purpose and are better equipped to share the gospel using the five colours, within the guidelines laid down by FCFC.

Training is important. It is not an excuse to say 'I have been at this for ten years and I know it all'. Sports teams practice together regularly and have team meetings where plans are made. If those involved in worldly pursuits continue to strive for excellence, how much more should we; We who are involved in Kingdom work? We need to avoid the deceitful sin of pride.

Philippians 2:1-4 gives us an outline of how we can proceed in unity. We are not to consider ourselves better, more mature, or more intelligent than our co-workers. We need to come together with a servant's attitude, looking out for the interests of others.

From 'The Bible Teacher's Guide' at Bible.org we have a recipe for unity:

1. To be unified, Christians must focus on the right resources. We have Christ who comes alongside us to help, comfort from Christ's love, fellowship with the Spirit, and Christ's tenderness and compassion.

2. To be unified, Christians must develop the right attitudes. We must have the same mind – the mind of a servant. We must have the same love – agape. We must be unified in soul and unified behind the purpose of the gospel.

3. To be unified Christians must develop the right practices. We must forsake selfish ambition and vain conceit. We must in humility esteem others better than ourselves. Finally, we must look out for the interests of others.

United we can succeed. We need to pray for workers because the fields are white unto harvest.

Lord willing, we will meet you at the annual meeting and conference, April 21-23.

Our Vision:

FCF-Canada will train and equip Christians, through local chapters,

to share the gospel in the marketplace with people in Canada from sea to sea.



Everyone Welcome!

Come and enjoy the fellowship as you share and hear what God is doing through FCFC

April 21-23, 2017

Breadalbane Baptist Church 22015 Breadalbane Road, Dalkeith, Ontario (Halfway between Montreal & Ottawa) (Directions: <u>www.breadalbanechurch.ca</u>)

Simultaneous translation from Friday noon to Sunday noon - Rob Mongeau



Breadalbane Baptist Church



Friday, April 21

9:00 am: meet at Breadalbane Church to carpool

Tour Macdonald Campus Farm (10:00 am) 21.111 Lakeshore Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, QC (Exit 41 from Hwy 40 E)

12:30 LUNCH at Breadalbane Church

1:30 pm: Registration - Meet & Greet

- 2:30 pm: FCFI news Bill Brown
- 3:15 pm: BREAK

3:30 pm: Workshop – Dominican Republic Mission **Emilie & Sylvain Couture**

4:30 pm: Consultation & Looking to the Future

5:30 pm: SUPPER

6:30 - 8:30 pm:

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Gospel Sing-along *

Chapter reports / Testimonies

* Bring your musical instruments

Simultaneous translation - Rob Mongeau

Paul Meldrum



Saturday, April 22

Breadalbane Baptist Church

9:30 am: Coffee & muffins

10:00 am: Devotions and prayer - Virgil Jones

11:00 am: More chapter reports

12:00 NOON: LUNCH

1:30 pm Annual General Meeting (separate agenda)

3:30 pm: BREAK

3:45 pm: Workshop Giving a *Clear Salvation Message* Jocelyn Aubut, FCFC Vice-president

6:00 pm: BANQUET

Reservations for Banquet by April 12

Sucrerie du Ruban, 40 County Road 18 Ste-Anne-de-Prescott, ON K0B 1M0

Featured Speaker: Bert Visscher

Special Music: Jones Family



Sunday, April 23

Breadalbane Baptist Church

10:00 am: 'One Hope Canada' - Tim Jones

10:25 – 10:45 am:

African mission trip - James Santourian



11:00 am: Worship Service

Music Leader – Melissa Quesnel Message – Paul DeGraaf

12:15: LUNCH

Starting at 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 21, The three-day program, including 5 meals, costs \$75.00 per person. (Saturday only: \$45.00) (Banquet only: \$30.00)



Conference reservations by April 12

Please note: we need Sat night Banquet reservations by April 12

Overnight accommodation is extra:

You are responsible for making your own reservations for overnight accommodation. Suggestion:

The Quality Inn, Hawkesbury (613-632-5941)

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New Faces in the FCFC Office

It is our pleasure to introduce Richard and Melissa Quesnel as our new administrative team. We have asked them to share something about themselves.



Richard's Story

Romans 8:28 (NCV) ²⁸ We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him.^[a] They are the people he called, because that was his plan.

At the age of 13, while working on a farm, I was electrocuted. While unconscious, I had an encounter with Jesus. I had never before experienced such peace in my life as in that moment in His presence. This was a transition point in my faith journey.

While attending college in Toronto I met a born again Christian who was influential in leading me to Christ and I experienced the peace

I had tasted seven years prior. I then went on to pursue my Bible college education in Peterborough from 1994-1998. My love for my Saviour drives me to serve, demonstrate and share compassion to the people I minister to.

Melissa's Story

John 14:6, Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

She said to me in passing as I handed out an alternative health brochure, "Let me ask you, do you know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour?" I stammered "Yes, I guess so." and then she walked away. That little, elderly, stranger randomly walking by me at a health trade show in Toronto planted a thought that didn't leave. There had to be more to God than my current empty experience. I started seeking. But Instead of going to the Word of God, I began to go the wrong way. I was aiming to become more evolved, spiritual and more Heavenly... But my practical life was falling apart.

My sister invited my family to go to a Pentecostal church; it was new to her too. That's where I heard the answer from the Pastor to what I was seeking. Jesus was my answer! He is the Gateway that I was missing in my relationship with the Father. I finally understood the sacrifice that Jesus made for me. I knew now I was free, rescued and redeemed. Now when I'm asked do I know Jesus as my Saviour I can definitely say "YES! He is the Truth and the Way to the Father; Let me tell you about Him."

Island Agriculture Show, BC Henry Janzen

"Too much for just a few to come into the Kingdom?"

The Island Agriculture Show is held in a different city on Vancouver Island each year, and this year was the first year for Port Alberni. The indoor arena was warm and brightly lit making our booth very comfortable to spend time talking to our guests. When we arrived on Thursday to set up and do a volunteer training session with about eleven of us, the sun was shining brightly and everything was coming up roses. However, all that was about to change overnight with a couple feet of snow! This plugged up the whole area to the extent where we had very few guests over the next two days. From an event organizer's point of view, this was a disaster. However, from God's perspective, it must have been a total success or He could have designed a different outcome for us.

We continue to be grateful to God for all our faithful volunteers: our newest Fraser Valley Chapter members, Ed & Norma Plett, joined us on the Island for the whole weekend, even booked into the same B&B as we did. Their friendship and support was so very encouraging! Also joining us were several Gideon volunteers led by Larry Kosuback, Gideon Chapter President, plus several friends from his local Men's Prayer Group. Thank-you to everyone who braved the deep snow to share the gospel. The experience of leading several folks to a saving faith in Jesus Christ made it all worthwhile for all of us. Personal Testimonies:

The very first guest Larry had was a man who had been looking for that very peace he was being offered! Then right there he received Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Praise the Lord! Another guest we had was a mom with two children. After kneeling down to share with her kids, we realized how completely convicted that Mom had become. However, upon receiving the invitation to confess that she was a sinner and to commit her life to the Lord, she said she was going to do exactly that when she got home. So we just continue to pray the Holy Spirit will overshadow her until she does just that.

Usually we have always had sufficient traffic to make the cost / benefit evaluation fairly obvious to everyone. However, this event looks like an exception from a human point of view. When you consider the cost of booth fee and supplies, gas, ferry crossing, meals, overnight accommodations, etc. (expenses paid by our chapter, the Port Alberni Gideons, volunteers, and ourselves personally), you might ask "Too much for just a few folks to come into the Kingdom?" What would we say to that if one of them was your son or my daughter, in terms of **all eternity**? What better way do any of us have to spend the price of a cheap vacation?

If we could only get our heads wrapped around what God through His Word is really saying to us about spending "all of eternity" in heaven or in hell, we would never again dare to put a dollar and cent cost on even one lost soul who has been brought from death unto life.



District de la Capitale (Capital City Chapter) QC Yves Bellemare



The year 2017 has begun and it is our hope to reach as many people as possible with the gospel. We feel and see that the end times have begun, and that people have a sense that something is happening and questions need to be answered as to what is happening to our poor planet.

We have the explanation and answer for the multiple questions. Why not share what we know? Why are we shy to talk about the truth of the future? Was it not from wisdom that Jesus

prophesied and talked about the end?

We have a command from the Lord to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15. This supreme commandment must not be taken lightly! Often, I have heard people exclaim, after hearing the five-colour story, "So that's why it is called 'Good News'! It is so simple and clear."

As the Apostle Paul said, "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" Romans 10:14. That is the mission of all Christians, to preach Him as Saviour, as Lord, the one who saves and is coming back.

Local Statistics:

The Capital City Chapter presented the gospel to 5,800 people at the following events:

- Expo BBQ St-Anselme
- Evangelistic Festival at Chauveau
- White Goose Festival, Montmagny
- National Women's Show, Quebec City



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St-Hyacinthe Chapter, QC Michel Gagnon, Chapter president

What a privilege again this year as we look forward with joy and enthusiasm to participate in the 2017 Evangelism Campaign with FCF.

All our volunteers greatly appreciated their experience in 2016. Even if at the beginning several were hesitant, the Spirit of God enabled us to share the five-colour message as our hearts became immersed in His presence.

Local Statistics:

The Ste-Hyacinthe Chapter shared the gospel with 13,000 people at the following events:

- National Women's Show, Montreal: 6,475 in 3 days
- Sidewalk Sale, St-Hyacinthe: 1,169 in 5 days
- Agricultural Expo, St-Hyacinthe: 5,177 in 11 days
- Farm Auction (flea market): 208 in 1 day





National Women's Show, Montreal: 6,475 heard



Fellowship of Christian Farmers, Canada

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To be used for: General funds □ A local chap QC Field ministry □ ON Field mini	oter 🗆 (Chapter name)
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Name New Address Address Fellowship of Christian Farmers - Canada Postal Code Postal Code	

* Receipts issued for Income Tax purposes.

Spending of funds is confined to programs and projects approved by FCFC. Each restricted contribution will be used as designated with the understanding that when the need for such a program or project has been met, or cannot be completed for any reason determined by the organization, the remaining restricted contributions will be used where needed most.

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Calendar of Events up to mid-August, 2017

FCFC plans to have an outreach booth at the following events. If you live in the area, come and join us! There is a contact person listed for each event to call for more info.

- AB: Trade Show, Pincher Creek, Alberta, May 5 & 6 Henry & Carol Janzen, 604-859-3407, <u>chjanzen@shaw.ca</u>
- BC: Flea Market, Abbotsford, June 4 Henry & Carol Janzen, 604-859-3407, <u>chianzen@shaw.ca</u> Canada Day Celebration, Abbotsford, July 1 Henry & Carol Janzen, 604-859-3407, <u>chianzen@shaw.ca</u> Heritage Days Fair, Chilliwack, Aug 10-12, Henry & Carol Janzen, 604-859-3407, <u>chianzen@shaw.ca</u>
- MB: Corn & Apple Festival, Modern Manitoba, Aug 24-26 Cornelius Sawatzky, 204-685-3110, <u>csaw@inetlink.ca</u>

Québec:

Salon National de la Femme, Montréal, March 17-19 Louise Couture, 450-468-6496, lcouture000@videotron.ca Salon National de la Femme, Ottawa, 8-9 avril Expo agricole d'Amqui, June 8-11 Denis Lavallée, 418-742-3915, denislavallee@globetrotter.net Expo agricole d'Ormstown, June 8-11 Emilie Chartier, 819-349-4634, afccquebec@hotmail.ca Expo BBQ Bellechasse, St-Anselme, July Yves Bellemare, 418-222-4556, <u>vves.bellemare@gmail.com</u> Expo de Trois-Rivières, July 6-15 Jocelyn Aubut, 819-374-7374, afcc.mauricie@gmail.com Vente trottoir, St-Hyacinthe, July 12-16 Louise Couture, 450-468-6496, lcouture000@videotron.ca Expo agricole de Chicoutimi, July 26-30 Marie-Josée Lafrance, 418-815-9211, Mariejosee lafrance@videotron.ca Expo Agricole de St-Hyacinthe, July 26-Aug 5 Louise Couture, 450-468-6496, lcouture000@videotron.ca Rodéo du Camion, Notre-Dame-du Nord (Témiscamingue), Aug 3-6 Paul Jolin, 819-629-9433, pauljolin@me.com Expo agricole de Rimouski, Aug Louis Dion, 418-723-6929, louis.dion.pasteur@gmail.com Expo agricole de Beauce, Aug 10-13 Yves Bellemare, 418-222-4556, <u>vves bellemare@gmail.com</u> Expo agricole de Bedford, Aug 11-14 Jocelyn Gatien, 450-577-2685, esmeralda77@live.ca Expo agricole de Cookshire, Aug 17-20 Line Chartier, 819-876-7913, legrandsergea66@hotmail.com Expo agricole de Cookshire, Aug 17-20 Line Chartier, 819-876-7913, legrandsergea66@hotmail.com Challenge 255, Baie-du Febvre, Aug 18-20 Sylvain Couture, 819-349-4634, afccquebec@hotmail.ca Trois-Rivières en Blues, Trois-Rivières, Aug 24-27 Jocelyn Aubut, 819-374-7374, afcc.mauricie@gmail.com Expo agricole d'Ayer's Cliff, Aug 24-27 Line Chartier, 819-876-7913, legrandsergea66@hotmail.com Festival des Montgolfières de Gatineau, Aug 31-Sept 4 Ivy Pilon, c. 819-968-4007 m.819-643-2856 igpilon@gmail.com Chrétiens en Fête, Drummondville, Aug, date to be determined Louise Couture, 450-468-6496, lcouture000@videotron.ca

 NS: South Shore Exhibition, Bridgewater, July 25 to 30.
(tba) Roy Nielsen, 902-639-2553, <u>thielsen@bellaliant.net</u> Annapolis Valley Exhibition, Lawrencetown, Aug14-19 Roy Nielsen, 902-639-2553, <u>thielsen@bellaliant.net</u> Cumberland County Exhibition, Oxford, Aug 29- Sept 2 Roy Nielsen, 902-639-2553, <u>thielsen@bellaliant.net</u>
GLC: Hartland's Fireman's Trade Show, May 5-7 Chris Gilmore, <u>cagilmor@nbnet.nb.ca</u>
Sussex Flea Market, Aug 18-20 Chris Gilmore, <u>cagilmor@nbnet.nb.ca</u>
Dundas Plowing Match, Prince Edward Island, Aug 25-27 Chris Gilmore, <u>cagilmor@nbnet.nb.ca</u>
St John Exhibition, Aug 29-Sept 2 Chris Gilmore, <u>cagilmor@nbnet.nb.ca</u>

Ontario:

Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival, Apr 1-2 Wayne McConnachie 1-888-876-1547, <u>waynesmail@cogeco.ca</u> Salon National de la Femme, Ottawa, April 8-9 Festival of Maples, Perth, Apr 29 Garry Boyce, 613-253-8193, <u>garrygarage@stom.ca</u> Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival, Apr 29 Wayne McConnachie 1-888-876-1547, <u>waynesmail@cogeco.ca</u>

Alexandria Trade Show, Alexandria, May 5-7 Wayne Clark, 819-242-7067, <u>wayne.edith.clark@bell.net</u> Schomberg Fair, May 28 Wayne McConnachie 1-888-876-1547, <u>waynesmail@cogeco.ca</u>

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