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[Upcoming Farm Tour: Cooper's CSA Farm & Maze](#) [1]

Are you thinking of expanding your production cycles in order to attend more markets? Want to increase the number of shares in your CSA program? Have you ever considered agri-tourism as a source of farm income? If so, then join us at [Cooper's CSA Farm & Maze](#) [2] on Sunday September 8, 2013, from 1:00-4:00pm for this informative farm business management tour.

Steve and Lisa Cooper have been farming together for close to 20 years. They currently grow a variety of crops and have a fantastic new website www.cooperscsa.com. To learn more about the Coopers, visit their fantastic new website.

Pre-registration is required as space is limited. \$25/person, \$35/farming pair (ie. business to business). To register, please visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/XKXVQG6 [4] to complete a quick registration questionnaire, or if you have difficulty with the online registration, please contact Adam: jay@farmsatwork.ca [5] - 705-743-7671

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[Lakefield Horticultural Society Native Pollinator Event](#) [6]

On Tuesday September 10, Sue Chan will be speaking to the Lakefield Horticultural Society about the environmental and economic impacts of declining populations of native pollinators. The event promises to be informative, engaging and fun, with a mini flower show and decorative competition scheduled for the evening as well.

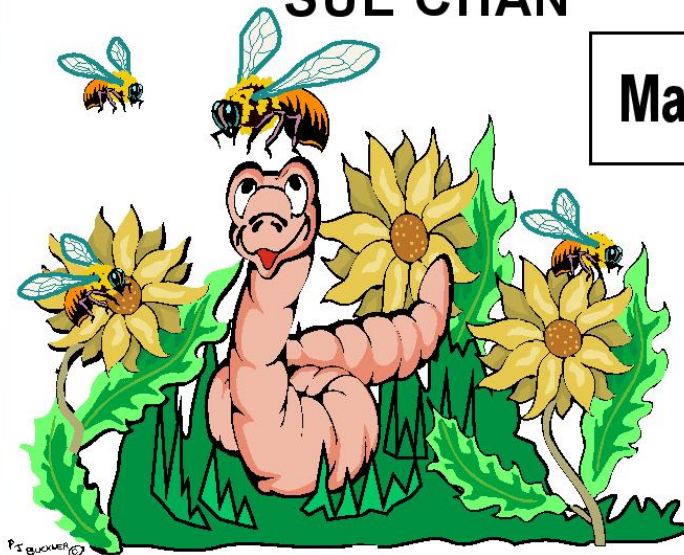
Things kick off at 7:30pm at the [Marshland Centre](#) [7] in Lakefield. For more information, visit www.lakefieldhort.org [8], or call Anne at (705) 652-0046.

Tuesday. Sept. 10

7:30 p.m.

SUE CHAN

Marshland Centre



The Buzz about Bees

Populations of honeybees, native bumblebees and other wild pollinators are declining at alarming rates. This has wide ranging negative effects on our ecosystem and will eventually impact our food supply.

Guest speaker, Sue Chan, is an expert in the field of pollination biology who is also an ecological beekeeper, & co founder of the community farmers' market in Lakefield.

Mini-show

dahlias, asters, lilies, zinnias & roses

Decorative Competition:-

"Autumn Tapestry" - a mass design.



Non-members are welcome to attend,
so come & join us and
share gardening tips over a cup of tea



For more information, please phone Anne at 705-652-0046
www.lakefieldhort.org

The Lakefield and District Horticultural Society is a non-profit group which raises funds through its annual Antique Sale & Flower Show to beautify the Village of Lakefield and to bring speakers to its monthly meetings.



[New Growing Forward 2 Info Sessions Announced](#) [9]

[OSCIA](#) [10] has just announced a number of new information sessions for producers and industry stakeholders who are interested in submitting applications for Capacity Building and Project Implementation. The sessions will provide information on the areas of focus and criteria for both types of Cost-Share Assistance. Dates have been announced for the following areas across the region:

- Peterborough: August 28th, 9:30am - 11:30am
- Belleville: September 9th, 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- Newmarket: September 13th, 10:00am - 12:00pm

For more information on the details of the program, head on over to the [GF2 website](#) [11]. If you'd like to reserve a spot for yourself in one of the upcoming info sessions, head on over to the [Registration Page](#) [12].

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[Natural Pest Control Workshop a Success!](#) [13]

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Farmers from east central Ontario gathered at [Wheelbarrow Farm](#) [15] this past Sunday to learn about natural pest and disease control methods suitable for all scales of organic production. The instructor, Dr. Fulvio Gioanetto, began the day with a lecture on plant pathology, the detriments of conventional pest and disease controls, and the use of common perennial plants as bioindicators of soil health.

Dr. Gioanetto stressed the importance of not forcing farmlands into cropping systems for which they are not well suited. Instead, he urged the group to become better at observing the individual characteristics of our farmlands, to see them as complex, interconnected systems. If farmers can train themselves to better observe what their properties tell them through the presence (or absence) of native perennials and soil types, then farms and crops will be healthier as a result.

Once attuned to what their lands tell them, Dr. Gioanetto argued that farmers will also be able to utilize their properties' pervasive weeds and minerals advantageously. One such way of doing so is through simple decoctions of plant-based chemicals found throughout the farm. With simple ingredients like sunflower oil or high-proof alcohol, mixed with common perennials from around the farm, sprays can be created to control disease and pests.

After a thorough and hands-on tour of the plants prevalent in the Wheelbarrow fields, Dr. Gioanetto illustrated the steps involved in creating simple, organic solutions that could be used to control the farm's persistent pests and diseases. Equipped with this knowledge and a simple backpack sprayer, it was impressed upon the group that even the most stubborn and problematic pests could be easily and organically managed, without the use of persistent and harmful chemicals.

We'd like to thank the folks at [Plan B Organic Farms](#) [16] for partnering with us on this informative event, as well as the crew at Wheelbarrow Farm for hosting and providing a delicious lunch. We're also grateful for the support of the [Ontario Trillium Foundation](#) [17], the [Career Focus Program](#) [18], as well as the [CFDC](#) [19] in all the work that we do. Stay tuned for an updated schedule of fall



programming, coming soon to a farm near you!

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[New Funding Announced for Farm Projects! \[20\]](#)

The [Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association](#) [21] has just announced updated funding through the Species at Risk Farm Incentive Program (SARFIP) available to farmers across the province. The program offers substantial cost-share towards the establishment of Best Management Practices (BMP) on SARFIP eligible projects on croplands, grasslands, riparian areas, wetlands, or even woodlands. You must have an Environmental Farm Plan to qualify. A free workshop is available in October near Belleville. Click here to register <http://registration.wildapricot.org/> [22]

Head to the link below for details of funding available for on-farm habitat-related projects.
http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/en/programs/species_at_risk.htm [23]

Contact Farms at Work or any of the partners of the [Kawartha Farm Stewardship Collaborative](#) [24] for more information on additional funding and technical assistance.

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