



March 2007

## Paluch: Working Smarter With Lean Tools

### Upcoming Events in the Ottawa Chapter:

<i>Grading &amp; Drainage, 9-4 RA Centre</i>	<i>Mar 1</i>
<i>Designing &amp; Constructing Wood Projects, 9am-12 noon</i>	<i>Mar 2</i>
<i>CIT Workshop, 9-3, 54 Cleopatra Dr</i>	<i>Mar 20</i>
<i>CIT Exam, 9-12, 145 Loretta Ave</i>	<i>Mar 21</i>
<i>Working Smarter with Lean Tools-Jim Paluch, 8-12 noon</i>	<i>Mar 27</i>
<i>First Aid w Level A CPR, 2day course, 8:30-4:30</i>	<i>Mar 28-29</i>
<i>WHMIS Training, RA Ctr April 4, 10am-12 noon OR May 30 8am-10am</i>	<i>Apr OR May</i>
<i>Monet's Muse-7-9pm Centrepointe Theatre</i>	<i>Apr 12</i>

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ness. Defined as "The Least Waste Way," LEAN becomes the battle cry for organizations embarking on a journey to drive out waste in all of their processes while adding value to what they offer their customers every day. Jim Paluch, whose reputation is unparalleled for energy, innovation and inspiration in the Green Industry, will be presenting ways to Work Smarter with LEAN tools.

The Ottawa Chapter of LO is bringing Jim Paluch to Ottawa for the first time ever to speak on this dynamic subject. Not just for business owners, this will benefit Managers, Foreman and Lead Hands, and promises to be the most effective 4 hours of training you can give your people in 2007. This event will sell-out. Advertising is restricted to LO members until Feb 26<sup>th</sup>,



Jim Paluch in Ottawa March 27

to ensure we get first right of refusal. After that we open up to the entire Green Industry. Fee is \$75.00 for members, \$145.00 non-members. Register immediately to avoid disappointment using the form attached to this newsletter.

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## 14th GreenTrade Expo: Business Strong

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual edition of GreenTrade Expo hit Lansdowne Park on February 14. A 'little bit of snow' could not put a damper on the show for the hundreds of industry professionals who attended.

This year's show featured 100 companies and thousands of products for all aspects of the horticulture industry. Many brand new products were intro-

duced to the market at the show, including the "Screen King" screener by Screen King, the 'Liquid Proof' Leather work boot by STI Safety and the 'Micro Pondless Water Feature' by Aquascape Designs.

The morning seminar featured Koos Torenvliet of Environmental Design Landscape Contractors Ltd. speaking on Green Roofs. Over 100 people (Over



## Patrick Lima Speaks April 25th in Ottawa



The Ottawa Botanical Garden Society presents

### Patrick Lima

The OBGS is bringing well-known gardener and best-selling author, Patrick Lima to Ottawa. Mr. Lima will share his secrets for turning any piece of land into a lush, colourful and productive organic garden. He will also speak about the natural environment – how it was and how it is changing – based on years of living in close connection with the elements.

Illustrated with slides taken by John Scanlan, the evening will be a word and picture tour of Lark-whistle, the now-famous garden that the partners have made from a former hay field on the Bruce Peninsula.

Come prepared to be inspired, entertained and challenged.

Details: 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2007, Alumni Theatre, University Centre, U of Ottawa. \$10 general public, \$5 Group members of the Ottawa Botanical Garden Society and members of Friends of the Central Experimental Farm

Free to members of the Ottawa Botanical Garden Society

Ticket info: David Davidson  
613-832-4615  
info@ottawagarden.ca

**Monet's Muse:** April 12  
Tickets now on sale at the  
Centrepointe Box Office  
(613) 580-2700.

### Ounce of Prevention

by Sheila James, Farm Safety

Look to prevent accidents before they happen. On each jobsite look for potential hazards (e.g. the slope is too steep for equipment, working close to traffic, mud that makes everything slippery). Also check equipment for guards missing, noise levels and vibration. And watch workers for safe work habits (lifting correctly so they don't hurt their back, safe operation of equipment). If you employ 5 or more workers the law requires that you do this workplace inspection monthly, in writing. For help to get you started contact [sjames@farmsafety.ca](mailto:sjames@farmsafety.ca)

## GreenTrade (Continued)



sat in to hear about what Green Roofs are, their history and background, the environmental and economic benefits of Green-Roofs, construction principles and some case studies from across North America. In the afternoon, three inspectors from the MTO came to talk about the most asked question this year: how the new 'Hours of Service' regulation will affect companies and employees.

Visitors enjoyed the all-day coffee bar, sponsored by Twin Equipment as well as the 'best ever' complimentary lunch sponsored by B & T MacFarlane, Brandt Tractor Ltd, Carrier & Poirier, Manotick Tree Movers, Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance, Petersen's Turf Farms, Ritchie Feed & Seed Inc., Turf

Revolution and Yates Custom Lawn Sprinklers. Thanks also go to Greely Sand & Gravel for sponsoring the show guide, Connon Nurseries/NVK Holdings Inc. for sponsoring the seminar area, Manderley Turf Products for sponsoring the show bag and Techo-Bloc for sponsoring the chapter meeting. Thanks to all our sponsors...your generosity and support over the years is much appreciated by the chapter and the industry. GreenTrade was proud to offer a really great prize draw for those people who registered on-line at [www.greentrade.ca](http://www.greentrade.ca). Local website development company 'Full Dimension Group' and web hosting company 'My Website Made Easy' combined give away a new website (with one year free web hosting). The winner of this fabulous prize is Bruce Cameron of Ashbury Landscaping & Consulting.



Full Dimension Group also gave away a website critique which was won by Sharon and Chris Urquhard of Green Unlimited. Further, 3 books were given away, written by Full Dimension Group, and these went to: Sarah Johnston of GreenLife Landscaping, Ralph Sikkema and Fred Stevens Manotick Tree Removal and Herman Baguss of Golden Triangle Nurseries.

Mark your calendars for next year's BIG 15<sup>th</sup> year event... Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at Lansdowne Park.



# Landscape Ontario Ottawa Chapter Seminars

March to May Schedule. Please register using the form on the back of this sheet

## **Grading & Drainage** - Thursday March 1, 9 am – 4 pm

Instructor: Don Chase, CLD. **Course # LC009-OT**

This seminar explores the impact of surface drainage requirements on design and construction decisions, and discusses the many ways of manipulating land forms using topographic surveys as the basis of grading plans. Areas covered include the design requirements for, and the interpretation of grading plans, erosion control, the ground rules for effective and safe grading practices, design and construction requirements of surface drainage systems, including appropriate control structures such as retaining walls.

Where: RA Centre 2451 Riverside Dr. Ottawa (Tel: 613-733-5100)

Price: **\$75 for LO members and \$145 for potential members. GST Included.**

## **Designing and Constructing Wood Projects** - Friday March 2, 9-12 (Half Day). **Course #LD018-OT**

Instructor: Don Chase. An ideal session for contractors and designers this session introduces basic structural theory for wooden garden structures, such as decks, gazebos and trellises. This includes the physical relationship/inter-dependency that exists between all structural components... posts, beams, joists, uprights, rafters, stringers etc.

Where: RA Centre 2451 Riverside Dr. Ottawa (Tel: 613-733-5100)

Cost: LO member \$37.50 Potential Member \$72.50. GST Included.

## **Certified Irrigation Technician (CIT) Workshop** - Tuesday March 20, 9-3

Certified Irrigation Technician preparation. Instructor: Bruce Morton

Location: Greenscape Watering Systems, 54 Cleopatra Dr

Cost: LO Member \$70., Potential Member \$135. GST Included

## **Certified Irrigation Technician (CIT) Exam** - Wednesday March 21, 9-12

Location: Terra Pro Corporation, 145 Loretta Ave North

Cost: LO Member: \$169.60 Potential Member \$265.

## **Working Smarter With Lean Tools – Led by Jim Paluch** - Tuesday, March 27, 8am-12 noon

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Cost : LO Members \$75.00 for members, Potential Members \$145.00

## **Standard First Aid with Level ‘A’ CPR** - Course # LS007-OT - Wed Mar 28 & Thurs Mar 29, 8:30-4:30

Taught by a St. John’s Ambulance instructor, this two-day practical first aid seminar meets WSIB requirements and prepares participants to administer first aid for common landscape injuries. Every landscape crew should have someone with first aid training, who can assist an injured worker. Level “A” CPR training is included. Participants must bring a blanket.

Where: St. John Ambulance, 5 Corvus Court, Ottawa (Tel: 613-722-2002)

LO Member: \$100, Potential Member: \$170 (GST included)

## **WHMIS Training** - Wednesday, April 4, 10am-12 noon **OR** Wednesday, May 30, 8 am-10 am

Instructor: Sheila James, Farm Safety Association

Location: RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr. Ottawa (Tel: 613-733-5100) No Charge

## **Monet's Muse-Claude Monet & The Gardens of Giverny** - Thursday, April 12, 7pm-9pm

LO Ottawa Chapter sponsored public event

Speakers: Joanie Flynt and Karen Molson. Call Centrepointe for tickets – (613) 580-2700

