

December 19, 2011

Happy Holidays!

We would like to wish everyone a very happy Holiday Season and all the best for the coming New Year. Please be advised that the Wine Council of Ontario office will be closed from Friday, December 23rd and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd.

OMAFRA Food Processors' Workshops

OMAFRA will be holding a number of ***Good Manufacturing Practices workshops for Ontario food processors*** in the New Year. These workshops explain food safety practices and help processors apply them at their facility. Using real-life, practical examples, attendees will learn how to improve food safety where they work from objective instructors with industry experience.

The following 2 workshops run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (cost: \$45 plus HST):

[Sanitation and Pest Control](#)

Learn the importance of: an effective sanitation program, the 7 Sanitation Steps to minimize food safety hazards and apply them in your facility, the significance and incorporation of a pre-operational inspection and the strategies for pest identification and prevention activities.

- February 8, 2012 – Guelph, ON
- February 15, 2012 – Mississauga, ON

[Preventative Maintenance & Calibration, Environment](#)

Learn how to apply preventive maintenance and calibration practices to the equipment and devices in your facility that may impact food safety and how to implement practical control measures to address interior and exterior areas of concern in your facility.

- March 19, 2012 – Guelph, ON

In addition, you may book a **FREE** one-on-one session with a Guelph food safety advisor to review good manufacturing practices, HACCP, traceability and food defence plans specific to your facility, obtain tools to train your employees or practice preparing for an audit.

For more information on workshops or the one-on-one sessions, contact info is:

Telephone:	1-877-424-1300
E-mail:	advantage@ontario.ca
Website:	www.ontario.ca/foodsafety

Friends of the Ontario Hostelry Institute:

As the holiday season approaches and the demands on our time are increased, a reminder regarding the 2012 TOP 30 under 30 nominations is very much in order.

The closing of nominations for this important accolade, December 31st, is fast upon us.

Please take a moment now to access the OHI site and make that nomination by clicking on www.theohi.ca

CBC Television is looking for more participants for the show “The Big Decision”

Please see attached document for full details. Please feel free to call or email Katie Cumby with any questions.

Also, if you like, follow them on Twitter **@thebigdecision** or check them out on Facebook.

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