



## Presents A Healthy Soil Conference

### **Dave de Vries, Agricultural Solutions,**

is an advocate for improving the overall health of agriculture, biological farming and the benefits of these methods for our environment, our food and our health. Working for the past ten years with cash crop, vegetable, fruit, dairy and livestock farmers, Dave brings the option for a biological program to farmers that can help them achieve both better yield, and better quality.



### **Jack Legg** is Branch Manger and staff agronomist of **SGS Agri-Food Laboratories, Guelph.**

Jack has been with Agri-Food Laboratories since 1996, and has been a Certified Crop Advisor since 1999. Agronomic responsibilities include QC review of soil test reports, developing fertilizer plans, managing the field service staff (custom soil sampling and GPS mapping). Jack also maintains a sales role with dealer and farm customers.

Jack is active in the industry serving on numerous committees, including the CCA CEU Review Committee, Ontario Agri Business Association's Soil and Research Committee, Ontario Soil Management Research and Services Committee, and the OLPC Plant Biosecurity Advisory Panel.

**Anne Verhallen, OMAFRA,** is a graduate of the University of Guelph, 1985, with a B.Sc.(Agr.), majoring in Soil Science. She joined OMAFRA in 1988 as a Soil Conservation Advisor, working in the counties of Essex and Kent. Most of her work at that time focused on soil conservation and soil management in field and horticultural crops. Currently, Anne works in the area of horticultural soil management with project interests in cover crops, compaction, crop rotation, fertility, irrigation scheduling and soil health.



### **Shawn Waechter, Atlantean Products,** has been growing and gardening most of his life.

His interests are diverse from an award winning amateur wine maker to membership in several inventors groups. What was a hobby of making up his own eco friendly products has turned into a manufacturing business called **Atlantean Products**. There are two lines of products produced: body/skin care and soil amendment/speciality fertilizers. Both lines of products are used by homeowners and professionals. Two public places the tropical plant blend is used are the Milton Mall and the Sheraton Centre in Mississauga. Ontario Seed/Home Hardware downtown Waterloo and Bio-Ag in Wellesley carry some of the Speciality Fertilizer products. [www.shawnsatlantean.com](http://www.shawnsatlantean.com)

## **Thursday March 21, 2013.**

### **Agenda**

- 8:30-9 a.m. Registration and Coffee
  - 9-10:15 a.m. **Anne Verhallen** The Real Dirt on Cover Crops
  - 10:15-10:30 Break and Trades Show
  - 10:30-12:00 p.m. **Shawn Waechter** The Scientific Grower
  - 12:00- 12:45p.m. Lunch and Trades Show
  - 12:45-1:45 p.m. Dave DeVries Soil Health: An Investment that Pays
  - 1:45-2 p.m. Break and Trades Show
  - 2-3:30 p.m. Jack Legge Managing Nutrients
- Thank you **SGS** for their sponsorship.

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