

ROBERTSON ASSOCIATES

Elected up to and including 2008

This award is presented to those members who have fulfilled with commitment and success their obligation to the Association

ADAM, Robert, 2004.....	St-Felix-de Valois, Qué	GANZVELD, Peter, 1974.....	Buffalo Lakes, AB
ALLAN, John R., 1996.....	Corning, SK	GARLICK, Dennis, 2002.....	Roland, MB
ALLAN, R.P., 1982.....	Brucefield, ON	GARLICK, Wilma, 2002.....	Roland, MB
ARNOTT, A.V., 1983.....	Darlingford, MB	GENDRON, Gilles, 1995.....	St-Hugues, Qué
AUMONT, J, 2008.....	St-Alexis de Montcalm, Que	GJESDAL, J.H., 1981.....	Birch Hills, SK
BEAUREGARD, G., 1999.....	St-Hyacinthe, Qué.	GODBOUT, Carmel, 2001.....	Grand Falls, NB
BEER, James, 1999.....	Arthur, ON	GODBOUT, Guy, 1988.....	Grand Falls, NB
BERTRAM, L., 1987.....	Swan River, MB	GRAHAM, G.R, 1966.....	Foxwarren MB
BEWS, J. Glen 2005.....	Eatonia, SK	GRAHAM, Robert, 1997.....	Olds, AB
BEWS, W. Ken 2005.....	Eatonia, SK	GRANT, E.R., 1970.....	Cottam, ON
BOLTON, Arthur S., 1997.....	Dublin, ON	GRAVES, Joseph, 1960.....	Paradise, N.S.
BOROTSIK, Walter, 1979.....	Brandon, MB	GREEN, Russell F., 1986.....	Brandon, MB
BOURGON, F., 1966.....	St-Isidore de Prescott, ON	HADLAND, H.S., 1974.....	Baldonnel, BC
BRAMHILL, Laverne, 2002.....	Palmerston, ON	HAMBLIN, Lorne, 2003.....	Morris, MB
BRAUTL, Rolland, 1983.....	Ste-Martine, Qué.	HAMILTON, J.R., 1971.....	Foxwarren MB
BRUINSMA, Thys, 1979.....	Strathroy, Qué.	HANEY, Howard, 1969.....	Picture Butte, AB
BURCH, Murray W, 1986.....	Bagot, MB	HANEY, Leonard K., 1969.....	Picture Butte AB
BUSSEY, Gordon, 2003.....	Airdrie, AB	HANNAM, Peter, 1992.....	Guelph, ON
BUSSEY, James, 1994.....	Airdrie, AB	HARBIN, Clifford, 2005.....	Rivercourse, AB
CAMELON, J.R., 1965.....	Almonte, ON	HARDY, Allan, 2003.....	Grenfell, SK
CAMERON, J.D., 1998.....	Harriston, ON	HARROD J.R, 1966.....	Dawson Creek, BC
CAMERON, Joe, 2000.....	Lougheed, AB	HEAVIN, G.M., 1990.....	Melfort, SK
CARDIFF, Murray. 1998.....	Ethel, ON	HEENAN, W.D., 1982.....	Regina, SK
CHINNICK, J.W., 1967.....	Chatham, ON	HENRY, Cameron, 1996.....	Oak River, MB
COLEMAN, William, 1999.....	Kippen, ON	HILLCOAT, James T., 1986.....	Thornloe, ON
CORBEIL, Grégoire, 1992.....	Ste-Rosalie, Qué.	HOLMEN, John, 1995.....	Rosedale, AB
COTTINGHAM, Robert E., 1989.....	Teulon, MB	HOLTZMAN, J.E., 1966.....	Scott, SK
COX, Don, 1997.....	Fairview, AB	JACKSON, E.E., 1983.....	Eston, SK
CREPEAU, Onil, 1978.....	St-Hugues, Qué.	JAKEMAN, George, 1967.....	Beachville, ON
CROOYMANS, Tony, 2003.....	Bow Island, AB	JIBB, J.M., 1976.....	Thornloe, ON
CUNNINGHAM, A.P, 1965.....	Lakeville, NB	JOHNSON, Keith, 1999.....	Wainwright, AB
DEWAR, Don, 1996.....	Dauphin, MB	JOHNSON, Kristjan, 1990.....	Arborg, MB
DURAND, Philip, 1988.....	Zurich, ON	JOHNSTON, Lorne E., 1994.....	Eston, SK
EBBETT, H.E, 1980.....	Upper Kent, NB	KASTELIC, Frank, 1993.....	Sangudo, Alta
EDWARDS, Donna , 2007.....	Nokomis, SK	KASTELIC, John W., 1993.....	Sangudo, Alta
ELIAS, G.G., 1961.....	Haskett, MB	KAUN, Elden, 1975.....	Penhold, AB
EMERY, E.M., 1960.....	East Centreville, NB	KEATING, Lyle, 1998.....	Russell, MB
EMES, Kenneth L., 1985.....	Goodlow, BC	KING, Leonard, 1984.....	Tottenham, ON
ENS, Abram, 1997.....	Winkler, MB	KUBIK, Jerry, 2005.....	Wrentham, AB
ENS, G.G.H, 1967.....	Winkler MB	KVARNBERG, E.B, 1977.....	Calmar, AB
EVASKEVICH, C.A., 1966.....	Hythe, AB	LAMOUREUX, Louis G., 1991.....	Sherrington, Qué.
EVERETT, F.E., 1965.....	Woodstock, NB	LAQUERRE, Bruno, 2008.....	Saint-Casimir, Qué
EWING, William, 1972.....	Vankleek Hill, ON	LEE, Roger, 1997.....	Stettler, AB
FARLEY, W.M., 1987.....	Regina, SK	LEFSRUD, Edmund, 2007.....	Viking, AB
FAURSCHOU, G., 2000.....	Portage La Prairie, MB	LETILLIER, Jérôme, 2006.....	Napierville, Qué
FAURSCHOU, R.H., 1977.....	Portage la Prairie, MB	LÉTOURNEAU, C., 1995.....	St-Cessaire, Qué.
FELL, Lorne, W, 1998.....	Staffa, ON	LINDENBERG, A.E., 1968.....	Brandon, MB
FENTON, Gerald, 2001.....	Tisdale, SK	LINNELL, Joe, 2002.....	Summerberry, SK
FISHER, Roderick, 2006.....	Dauphin, MB	LITTMAN, Larry, 1997.....	Saltcoats, SK
FOTHERINGHAM, J.A., 1998.....	Reston, MB	LONGSON, Dalton L., 1993.....	Beaverlodge, AB
FRIESEN, H.I, 1987.....	Rosser, MB	LOTZER, Elmer, 1968.....	Bawlf, AB
FROEBE, Earl, 1993.....	Homewood, MB	LUMSDEN, J.A., 1980.....	Strathroy, ON
FUHR, Bruce E., 1993.....	Spruce Grove, AB	LUNG, Ivan, 2000.....	Lake Lenore, SK
GAERTNER, S.J., 1984.....	Tisdale, SK	LUNG, Leonard, 2000.....	Lake Lenore, SK
GAGNON, Rosaire, 2008.....	Ste-Elizabeth, Que.	MacKINNON, P.M., 1982.....	Bath, ON

MARCOUX, Fernand, 2006Ste-Marthe, Qué
MARTIN, Thomas, 1995 St-Thomas, ON
McCALLISTER, C., 1975 Portage la Prairie, MB
McCALLUM, Robert N., 1985 Roland, MB
McCARDLE, Leonard, 2001..... Kinkora, PEI
McCARTHY, Rick, 2007.....Corning, SK
McCRINDLE, G.A., 1970 Foxwarren, MB
McCUTCHEON, A.L., 1972.....Homewood, MB
McFARLAND, Willard, 1989..... Brandon, MB
McGILL, John R., 1988Pakenham, ON
McINNIS, R.B., 1983.....Vernon, PEI
McKINNEY, Alex, 1970.....Brampton, ON
McKINNON, Ron, 2007.....Abernethy, SK
MISENER, Robert, 2006.....Caledonia, ON
MOL, David, 2006 Charlottetown, PEI
MONDRY, Henri, 1975St-Baile-le-Grand, Qué.
MORRIS, D.G., 1970Merlin, ON
MORRISON, John, 2005..... Vermilion, AB
NELSON, Ken, 2002.....Westlock, AB
NIEMELA, R., 1961.....Benalto, AB
NYBORG, Ivan, 1995..... New Denmark, NB
NYSTUEN, Gordon, 1994..... Spalding, SK
OLSON, Glen R., 1992 Tofield, AB
OSTERGARD, Donald O., 1996Drumheller, AB
PASIECZKA, W., 1966 Domain, MB
PASZKOWSKI, Walter, 1997Sexsmith, AB
PELKEY, Kenneth A., 1992Paincourt, ON
PETRUSSA, Ernest, 1990 Big Valley, AB
PITURA, C.F., 1979..... Domain, MB
POTOSKI, John, 1981 Dauphin, MB
PROULX, François, 1980 Nicolet, Qué.
PROULX, Raymond, 2004..... Nicolet, Qué
RASMUSSEN, Gordon R., 1993.....Standard AB
REISNER, Barry, 2008Limerick, SK
RICKARD, D.H., 1991.....Bowmanville, ON
RICKARD, James, 2003Bowmanville ON
RITCHIE, J.R., 1968 Dauphin, MB
ROUSSELL, Julien, 1991St-Eloi, Qué.
ROY, W.A.J., 1972..... Paincourt, ON
RUDOLPHE, E., 1964.....Dalemead, AB
SABOURIN, Louis, 1984..... St-Jean Baptiste, MB
SCOTT, Garry, 2002..... Dawson Creek, BC
SEIDLE, Edward, 1998 Medstead, SK
SHANKS, Neil, 2004Wheatley, ON
SHERK, Don, 1985 Wembley, AB
SISSONS, F.G., 1984 Portage la Prairie, MB
SISSONS, Grant, 1996 Portage la Prairie, MB
SMITH, David K., 1988 Hunter River, PEI
STOW, J.A., 1978 Carman, MB
STRAIN, Arthur G., 1985 Foremost, AB
STRANG, Gordon, 1992 Exeter, ON
SULLIVAN, Ron, 2004Blenheim, ON
SURPRENANT, M., 1999St-Valentin, Qué.
SZENTIMREY, Joseph, 2001..... Branchton, ON
SZENTIMREY, Paul, 2001 Branchton, ON
TAYLOR, James A., 2001Woodstock, ON
TEBBUTT, Ronald, 2001. Nipawin, SK
THIRSK, Theo, 2005 Kelsey, AB
THOMLINSON, R.G., 1957.....Spirit River, AB
THOMPSON, C.M., 1961Naicam, SK
TONER, J. Allison, 1991 Grand Falls, NB
TRAVLAND, Norman F., 1994Coronach, SK
TRAWIN, John, 2000 Melfort, SK
TREPANIER, Lawrence, 2008 La Salette, ON
TWINSTRA, Peter, 2001 Ailsa Craig, ON
VERDONCK, Jean, 1999 Ste-Marthe, Qué.
VICTOOR, Rene, 2000 St-Albert, AB
WEBBER, R.E., 1979..... Berwyn, AB
WEBSTER, G.T., 1967 Balcarres, SK
WEIXL, Louis J., 1985..... Melfort, SK
WILLIAMSON, G.M., 1982Pambrun, SK
WILSON, Robert, 1998 Calgary, AB
WONNACOTT, S., 1967Central Lot 17, PEI
WUTHRICH, Karl, 1990 Fort St-John, BC
WUTHRICH, Paul, 1993 Cecil Lake, BC
YEO, L.B., 1980 Miscouche, PEI

The names of the deceased Robertson Associates have been placed in the Honor Roll Book.

Jean-Denis Aumont

St-Alexis de Montcalm, Quebec



Jean-Denis was born in Saint-Alexis de Montcalm, a small village located at the foot of the Lower Laurentians in the St. Lawrence valley. He grew up on the family farm and has been growing seed since 1963. The production of pedigreed seed then played an important part, in rotation with the growing of sugar beets and forages required for the dairy herd. His father initiated him to seed processing, being himself involved in seed cleaning for a good many years.

Jean-Denis has been a Select grower since 1985. He now cultivates 250 acres in oats, wheat, barley and rye, with flax tests being made in 2007. He also raises a herd of 45 dairy cows and grows 200 acres of forages.

Jean-Denis had been a member of the Société coopérative de Montcalm until it merged with the Centre agricole Coop de Lanaudière. He has been a member of the Association des conditionneurs de semences pedigree du Québec since its foundation, a member of Secan Association for many years, and is now a member of Coop Profid'Or and Agropur. In 1988, he and his wife had the opportunity to go on a trip to Asia and Australia which was organized by the CSGA.

Jean-Denis is married to Rose-Aline Michaud and has three children: Jean-François, Matthieu and Sylvie-Anne. Having completed their studies in agriculture, Jean-François and Matthieu are gradually taking over the family business. Sylvie has gone into health care.

Rosaire Gagnon

Ste-Elizabeth, Québec



Rosaire Gagnon was born on December 26, 1933 in the parish of Ste-Élisabeth, region of Lanaudière, Quebec. He was the 2nd son of the family, after 7 girls, in a family of 12 children. He learned at a young age to help out on the farm.

In 1956, on July 28, Rosaire married Thérèse Coutu, from Ste-Élisabeth. They have 4 children, 3 boys and 1 girl, and 9 grandchildren.

In 1961, Rosaire bought the family farm on the advice of agronomists. He started with millet, oat and barley pedigreed seed, and Select plots of oat and barley. He kept part of the harvest to feed his dairy herd, which he sold in 1975.

In 1967 Rosaire's brother-in-law passed away. He was a contractor in the transportation and lifting of homes and had three employees. Rosaire bought and formed a company with the three employees which he operated for 8 years.

From 1965 to 1990, Rosaire sat on the board of the Caisse Populaire de Ste-Élisabeth and from 1978 to 1986, on that of S.P.S.P.Q. From 1983 to 1986, he was a municipal councillor. From 1997 to 2001, he sat on the board of the Coop Funéraire d'Autray.

Rosaire has been renting out his land to his son and daughter-in-law for the last year and does some supervision and work to help them out. Rosaire is pleased that he was chosen for this award and would like to thank everyone.

Bruno Laquerre

Sainte-Casimir, Québec



Born in 1924, in an agricultural family of 10 children, Bruno Laquerre started at an early age selling garden seeds door to door. It is probably at this time that he developed a passion for the business.

Like many young men, he spent his winters working in lumber camps. In 1947, in Dorion, Ontario, he stayed in an old prisoner of war camp (German, Japanese and Italian), where he met many who, instead of going back to their countries at the end of the war, elected to stay here. Bruno and the lumberjacks cut 30-foot cypresses that were shipped by boat to rebuild power and telephone lines in Europe.

The following year, he worked as a contractor clearing land for the construction of a power dam for Ontario-Hydro in Nipigon.

In 1949, he married Françoise Genest and the couple settled in Saint-Casimir on a 60-acre dairy farm. They have 5 children, 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Two of their children and a grandson make their living from agriculture; their granddaughter is also interested in agriculture and will be studying in plant production. This is certainly a passion that Bruno has passed on to them.

In 1953, always in the vanguard, Bruno dug several miles of clay drainage tiles with a small shovel at a depth of 4 feet. The system still works quite well after more than half a century.

In 1965, he left dairy farming to become a beef producer. He took a butcher course to better serve his clientele, and he gradually increased his cereal acreage.

He joined the Canadian Seed Growers Association in 1967. At the beginning of his business, seed bags were sown by hand with an enormous needle, but as his clientele increased, his equipment underwent a welcomed modernization. One could say that Bruno showed a lot of leadership by being among the first to sell directly to farmers.

In 1978, with about 40 other Canadian seed growers, he made a very nice trip to France. This enabled him to gain new knowledge that he put to good use in his business.

In 1983, he was licensed by Agriculture Canada as a seed grading establishment, after which he started growing Select seed plots.

In 1988, he added a laboratory licensed by Agriculture Canada to perform germination tests, a service which he provided to seed growers in Quebec and the Maritimes.

In 1992, he took part in the pilot project for the grading of Foundation and Registered seed by the industry.

Over the years, his farm grew and was transferred to his son, Réjean, who formed a company with his wife Aline Boucher. Semences Laquerre Inc. now covers 1300 acres and sells across Canada.

Always very involved in his community, he was named, in 1989, co-chairman of the committee for the reunion of the 65+, born and having resided in the parish. It was a big success with more than 800 people from across North America reunited at the testimonial dinner.

In 1991, he formed a committee to present “Méritas” awards to the volunteers of his community.

Afterward, in 1996, he joined a committee that organized the 150th anniversary of the foundation of Saint-Casimir.

His love for his entourage brought him to take painting classes during the winter. In addition to painting beautiful landscapes, he paints portraits of the people who have been important in his life.

Still as passionate as ever, he grows a large garden and has pursued another dream, blueberry production, which keeps him busy all summer long. In fact, he owns a blueberry farm of 2000 giant “Patriotes” blueberry plants. He also planted 50,000 cuttings of small blueberry plants which he got from the research station in Fredericton, NB.

Bruno is very active and never short of ideas. He is undoubtedly thinking about many new projects which he will make us discover with time. Ever anxious to perform better, Bruno has always been in touch with the pioneers of his time. His close relationship with technicians, agronomists, inspectors and breeders has enabled him to produce and offer the newest high quality seed varieties, thus transmitting his knowledge to the next ever-changing generation.

Bruno keeps an excellent souvenir of the people he has met. He thanks you all and will always be happy to see you again.

Barry Reisner

Limerick, Saskatchewan



Barry farms and grows pedigreed seed with his father Cecil at Limerick Saskatchewan. On his farm Barry produces improved varieties of peas, lentils, chickpeas, wheat, durum, barley, flax, mustard and canaryseed. Certified seed is produced, processed and retailed to farmers in southern Saskatchewan. Barry is the fourth generation to operate the family farm. 2008 marks 100 years since the Reisner family moved to the Canadian prairies from Michigan looking for farming opportunities. Barry has grown pedigreed seed for the past 34 years.

Barry has been involved in local sports activities and organizations. He coached minor baseball teams and managed minor hockey teams. He has served on the boards of minor hockey, fire protection, skating rink, Wheat Pool and the Limerick Co-op Assoc. Organizing and participating in the annual ball tournament and the annual curling bonspiel was a yearly pleasure.

Barry began growing pedigreed seed early in his farming career. New seed varieties have created opportunities to develop business relationships with innovative optimistic farmers. This is the most rewarding part of being a seed grower.

Barry represented Saskatchewan as a director with SeCan for 4 years. He was a member of the Canadian Seed Growers Association board for 10 years, serving two years as CSGA president. He has represented the CSGA on many industry committees including the Wheat Recommending Committee of the PRRCG and the Seed Sector Review. He currently represents seed growers on the National Forum on Seed.

Barry and his wife Karen are the proud parents of three children each of whom are employed in their chosen career.

Russell lives in Calgary, Alberta. He practices optometry in NW Calgary in partnership with his uncle.

Rodney, his wife Melissa and their daughter Sadie live in Airdrie, Alberta. He teaches high school in SW Calgary.

Tanya is a Registered nurse. She and her fiance Justin are busy planning their wedding which will be on December 31, 2008. They will be living in Tulsa Oklahoma.

Barry still enjoys farming and meeting farmers, especially seed growers. His travels across Canada have shown him what a great country we live in. In the future Barry plans on spending more time with his grand daughter and with his putter.

Lawrence Trepanier

La Salette, Ontario



Lawrence graduated from Ridgeway Agricultural College in 1958. He was employed by Carnation Company from 1961 to 1968 and then promoted to Chain Specialist in 1964 for the Toronto area. He began dairy farming in 1968 and continued until 1992. He grew seed oats for Stewart Seeds in Alsa Craig, Ontario in 1982, which was the start of growing seed, and the beginning of his association with CSGA. Lawrence set up a small seed plant on the dairy farm in 1990 with the help of Mr. Lorne Fell, who sold him his first seed cleaner. He sold the dairy farm in 1992, purchased another farm and set up a cleaning and processing plant. The seed business grew to include three salesmen and a dealer for Maizex Seed Corn and Quality Forage Seeds.

Lawrence has served on several organizations over the years. He was President of the Oxford County Holstein Club, Director of the Oxford County Separate School Board, Director of the Oxford Federation of Agriculture and Past Chairman of the Ontario Seed Growers' Association.

Lawrence has three children; Lisa, Martin, and Renee. Lisa and her husband, Carl, farm with Dairy and Broilers and have three children. Martin and his wife Heather have two children. Martin is a senior mechanic at Toyota in Woodstock, Ontario. Renee and her husband, James, and their two children live in Oshawa, Ontario. Renee is a High School Teacher and an aspiring soprano singer.

Lawrence married Rose in 2005 and continues with the seed business under the name of Belterre Seeds.

Lawrence has attended the CSGA annual meetings since 1992 and enjoys meeting other seed growers across Canada. The CSGA annual meeting is always a highlight of his yearly vacation.