



## Milton IPPS Area Meeting & Tour Wednesday, July 20, 2016

*Landscape Ontario  
Milton, Ontario*

### Innovation: Making it Work

You are invited to attend an engaging educational program before enjoying tours of an Ontario nursery and a local mixing facility. Our morning seminars highlight leaders in the industry and their challenges with both introducing innovations into the workplace as well as the continual challenges they face as they put them into action. Enjoy lunch at Landscape Ontario and take a walk through their trial gardens. Then tour Sheridan Nurseries' two production sites and see how implementing their new potting line has been challenging and successful. Finally, follow up with a visit to Gro-Bark's new mix facility which doubles the speed of production and creates a more consistent product. It's an action filled day that is sure to be a great learning experience for everyone.

#### **Agenda:**

- 7:30 Breakfast and registration courtesy of **Schlegel Poultry Compost**
- 8:00 Welcome Stephanie West, Gro-Bark
- 8:20 Mark Verbinnen, Verbinnen Nursery; *Building a new propagation greenhouse*
- 8:40 Alex Verbinnen, Verbinnen Nursery; *Challenges of a new facility*
- 9:00 Andrew Barbour, Connon NVK; *New systems implemented at the nursery*
- 9:20 Announcements – Keith Osborne, Gro-Bark
- 9:30 Break courtesy of **ICL Specialty Products**
- 9:50 Trial Gardens Tour
- 10:10 Darby McGrath Vineland Research, *Propagation root architecture: new tray technology*
- 10:40 James Aiello, Vineland Research; *Greenhouse technology for nurseries*
- 11:45 Closing seminar remarks – Stephanie West, Gro-Bark
- 12:00 Lunch provided by **Gro-Bark**
- 1:00 Depart for tours\* (attendees provide own transportation)
- 1:15 Arrive Sheridan Norval – Propagation & Perennial Farm
- 2:30 Arrive Gro-Bark – Mulch and growing media supplier
- 2:30 Break Courtesy of **Kam's Growers Supply**
- 4:00 Arrive Sheridan – Container Farm and Distribution
- 5:00 Meeting ends at Sheridan Main Farm**

**\*Please dress appropriately considering the weather (tours continue rain or shine)**

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