

2026 CGC Program WEDNESDAY, Oct. 7					
Date/Time	201/202	207/208	Ballroom C	Ballroom D	Ballroom A
WED. 9:30 AM	IPM Bits & Bites, Spores & More 9:30 Using Foggers for Crop Protection Greenhouse Louis Damm Dramm Corporation 10:00 Best Application Practices for Microbial Products Mathew Krause Lallemand Plant Care 10:30 Do Spore Traps Fit in Greenhouse IPM? Katie Goldenhar Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness 	Effective Mechanization: Not Every Shoe Fits Every Foot Unplugged Panel Session 9:30 Aron Hoff Meyers Fruit Farms Benjamin Alkema Linwell Gardens Thomas Alkema Linwell Gardens Upgrade Ideas to Increase Production Efficiency Paul Vos Foxwood Greenhouses	Little Plants, Big Profits - Fruit & Vegetable Propagation 9:30 Environmental Optimization for Strawberry Propagation Ricardo Hernandez North Carolina State University 10:00 The Right Tool: Reimagining Indoor Tech for Elite Seedling Propagation Alvaro Fernandes Planteva Farms 10:30 Dynamic LED lighting in vegetables propagation Sam Soltaninejad Mechatronix Inc. 	Organic Vegetable Production Keeping organic rooted in the soil Nicole Boudreau Organic Federation of Canada Organic Growing: Challenges and Benefits Marco de Leonardi Freeman Herbs Inc. Organic Greenhouse Production: Linking Media, Fertilizers, Soil and Plant Health Martine Dorais Laval University	
LUNCH BREAK					
WED. 2:00 PM	Sanitation in Practice 2:00 Tips & Tricks, Do's & Don'ts George Jeffrey Retired Biosecurity Consultant – DCL	Flower Propagation 2:00 The ABC's of Floriculture Propagation: A Primer For Success Matthew Terlouw Orchard Park Growers	Business Development in Uncertain Times 2:00 Unlocking SR&ED Funding for Greenhouse Innovation Shannon Fraser Henderson Consulting & Associates	Lettuce Learn 2:00 Invest in Tech — But Grow Your People First Lucas Chapdelaine	Mite Murder Mystery Workshop Overview: Not sure what pest mites you have in your greenhouse, or which of your predators are establishing? Join us for Mite Murder Mystery to help you identify the victim and the perpetrator!

	2:30 What's in your water? Hands on monitoring tools - a recap. Ann Huber The Soil Resource Group 3:00 Greenhouse Water Sanitation, Plant Health, and Biology Daniel Chan BEVO Greenhouses	2:30 A Better Start for Tissue-Cultured Plants: Introduction to Vertical Indoor Propagation Systems Celina Gomez Purdue University 3:00 Light Before Roots: Why Supplemental Lighting Matters During Propagation Roberto Lopez Michigan State University	2:30 Rewarding Innovation: How Greenhouse Growers Can Benefit from SR&ED Jamie Aalbers Northern Horticultural Consultants Inc. 3:00 Agricultural Economic & Market Development Peter Hall Econosphere Inc. 	2:30 Problem & solution: How to keep crops healthy in hydroponic systems Sonny Moerenhout Cultivators 3:00 Hydroponic Lettuce IPM Greg Bryant Beneficial Insectary	You'll learn different sampling methods for mites and how to identify important mites in Ontario greenhouses using a simple illustrated key. We'll also cover strategies for managing mite pests. Mite Identification Workshop lead by representatives from Anatis Bioprotection and Western University. Omid Joharchi Anatis Bioprotection Mikaelison da Silva Lima Western University 
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2026 CGC Program THURSDAY, Oct. 8					
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THURS. 9:30 AM	Invaders Among Us 9:30 – 11:30am 9:30 From Mystery to Method: Getting Ahead of Parvi Rose Buitenhuis Vineland Research and Innovation Centre 10:00 Thrips parvi Troubles? Let’s Talk Solutions! Veronica Cervantes Plant Products/Biobest 10:30 From bodyguard to bully: the Nesi story Cara McCreary Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Agribusiness 11:00 Ontario's Emerging Mites: Biology, Detection, and Management Mikaelison da Silva Lima Western University 	Garden Centre 9:30 Improving Profitability with Free Marketing Programs Diane Blazek All-America Selections 10:00 Garden Center Nutrition – How to prevent and resolve hungry plants Jamie Gibson Syngenta Flowers 10:30 Not Every Green Decision Starts Green Crystal Murray Thuss Heeman	Stacked Success for Vertical Farms 9:30 Vision Greens: From Commodity to Brand Lenny Louis Vision Greens 10:00 Plant Factory Innovations in Japan: Advancing Sustainable Urban Systems Eri Hayashi Japan Plant Factory Association 10:30 Dynamic Light Strategies for Indoor Lettuce Production Ricardo Hernandez North Carolina State University 11:00 Improved light use efficiency of indoor leafy greens grown under segmented photoperiod Steeve Pépin Université Laval	AI in Action 9:30 General AI: Business, Organization, Broader use, & Risks Gabriël van der Kruijk LetsGrow 10:15 Grower Panel: How to deploy agents for their business, shared experience with use of AI Dominick DiMucci Haven Greens Mathew Tyhurst Twin Creeks 	
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THURS. 2:00 PM	Aphid Antidotes 2:00 – 4:00pm 2:00 Aphid IPM in CEA Spinach: Thresholds and UV-Induced Plant Defenses Samantha Willden Cornell University 2:30 Aphid Predators in CEA Strawberries: Effects of LEDs and Low Temperatures Karli Barton University of Guelph 3:00 Aphids out of control Mariska Beekman 3:30 Balancing Insecticide Efficacy and Biological Control in Greenhouse Peppers Azimove Sulthana Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada/ University of Windsor	New Variety Session Discover the latest innovations in greenhouse crop breeding as leading vegetable and ornamental breeders showcase new varieties and share insights into emerging breeding trends. Learn how advances in performance, quality, resilience, and market appeal are shaping the future of commercial greenhouse production and creating new opportunities for growers.	Research Updates 2:00 Exploring light quality as a management tool for strawberry tipburn Jonah Schaller University of Guelph 2:15 Beyond PAR: The Importance of Monitoring Natural UV Light in your Greenhouse Fadi Al-Daoud Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Agribusiness 2:30 Research Update on Biocontrol of Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus Aiming Wang Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada 2:45 Built for the Greenhouse: The Next Wave of Canadian Strawberries Jason Lanoue Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada 3:00 Update on the native ornamental breeding program Dr. Al Sullivan University of Guelph 3:15 Investigating Wood Fiber as a sustainable substrate option for use in greenhouse berry production Carly Lacy Walker Industries	Berry Innovation 2:00 Autonomous, net-zero greenhouse strawberry production Youbin Zheng University of Guelph 2:15 From Bees to Breezes: Transforming Pollination in Vertical Farming Habiba Bougherara Toronto Metropolitan University 2:30 Year-Round Blueberry, Raspberry, and Blackberry Production in Canada Eric Gerbrandt BeriTech Inc. 2:45 Producing Disease-Free Strawberry Transplants Vincent Hall Pépinère Cultivar Inc. Panel  Weston Family Foundation	