

President's Report

2012 COG AGM

Canadian Organic Growers
Cultivons Biologique Canada



2012 - A Transition Year

- Challenging year for grants and project funding
- Amazing support from COG members for **The Last Straw Campaign** and the **PUBPAT lawsuit against Monsanto**

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- Laura Telford resigned as Executive Director
- Beth McMahon hired as new Executive Director
- National Office moved to the OXFAM building

Thanks to COG's office manager

- Una Huzbasic
- Hired in fall 2010 to increase COG's membership and publication sales
- And wound up running the office since the middle of last summer

Thanks to out-going Board Directors



Lorraine Beaudette



Andrea Berry

Thanks to COG's Past President



Arnold Taylor

Remembering Mary

Our much-loved past President, Mary Perlmutter, passed away in February 2012:

1979: Mary Perlmutter becomes librarian, starting the COG reference series

1988: Mary Perlmutter becomes President (until '92)

1992: Sandra Salmins of Macdonald College, McGill University, is first recipient of Mary Perlmutter Scholarship

Mary was an original organic gardener, starting back in the 70's in the backyard of their schoolhouse in the Kawarthas. She wrote the book, *How Does Your Garden Grow... Organically?* Regular column in COGnition and CBC Gardening radio show. She was also very active in many other important environmental and community projects. Thank you Mary for all your contributions!

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Laura Telford

Welcome to new Executive Director



Beth McMahon