

A WORMS EYE VIEW
FERGUS & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
APRIL 2024



IS SPRING HERE!

Meeting 7:30pm, April 24, 2024, doors open at 7pm.

Speaker: David Hobson on the Chelsea Flower Show

“Lug a mug” to partake of refreshments after the meeting.

Come early to check in and pay your **annual dues**, now at \$15/member, cash or cheque. We may also etransfer our payments to fergushorticulture@gmail.com, note name and details in the message box.

March President's Message.

April showers brings May flowers as the saying goes. It also brings the Best Bloomin' Plant Sale. The team for the Plant Sale met this past week and is now in full swing working towards our most important fundraiser. Actually, it is our only fundraiser, and you may have noticed the past couple of years that many, many other organizations are now seeing the significance of and are holding plant sales around the same time. This makes it more difficult. You can argue the more the sales, the more the awareness and therefore more people come out and everyone wins but I am not sure this is the case.

I'm sure many horticultural societies including Elora's are experiencing the same thing. I have to believe our history, reputation, the equity and value of our organization built up over many years, over 160 in fact, helps distinguish us over the others.

This is the time we call on our dedicated volunteers. Some offer up their plants, some become involved in potting up, some perform the many tasks of identifying, pricing, categorizing, organizing, public relations, advertising, putting up signage all over town, even making sure our volunteers have coffee and baked goods after a couple of hours of work as a thank you. The group always enjoys the camaraderie we all experience over coffee. All of this to create another successful plant sale.

I was at this year's District 7 AGM a few weeks back. I looked around the room at all the societies of District 7, all volunteer, and all the volunteers of Clifford that put on the event, all smiles as they put together a perfect morning for us. I realized just how special we are along with privileged to be part of a group that understands the importance of volunteering and just how great it is to be part of this.

I have met a number of transplanted Fergus sites, I may have made up a word here, who moved from the city to our area and later moved back because of loneliness. They couldn't meet anyone, as if it was the community's responsibility. It takes a little effort. Very little effort. If only they had joined a group like ours, they would've discovered a special group of people that I have come to call my friends with activities we all look forward to participating in and a sense of purpose we all need to get out of bed each morning.

Thank you to everyone in our society. Your participation gives us a community that is welcoming and friendly. A community we all derive benefits from. Have a great day. See you at our next meeting.

Ken

BEST BLOOM'N PLANT SALE 2023

As I write this in early April, we are having fantastic weather, a great way to welcome Spring. The plants are coming on with new growth. I feel some things are ahead of their normal timing but that is ok with me.

With our plant sale coming up we hope you have had bit of time to see what need dividing in your gardens and what you may want to donate to the sale. If you need help digging and dividing plants, please contact Michelle and I will arrange for assistance.



Please note we can not accept plants that come from known termite areas. We also now are on the lookout for Jumping worms. We cannot accept plants with weeds or grass through the perennials. Just think of what you would want to plant in your garden.



The Best Bloom'n Plant sale will be on Saturday May 25 from 8 to 11. The potting up days will be Tuesday May 14, Friday May 17 and Monday May 21. The Friday May 24 will be for setting out plants, pricing and getting ready for the sale the next day. Please bring water and secateurs and s being optimistic sunscreen!

On May 25 the sale day we need members to help with tallying plants for the buyers, helpers to assist the buyers load plant in cars etc. At this upcoming April meeting we will have sign-up sheets available for members to indicate if you want to help out. This just assists us to see if we have enough people to do all the tasks.



We are looking for 4 volunteers to put out the lawn signs throughout town and then pick them up at 11am the day of the sale.

Thinking ahead to May 25 if you can lend wheelbarrows for buyers to use that would be great. We will have coffee and treats the day of the sale bring your mugs.



Thank you all in advance for helping out with our only Fundraiser.

Michelle Goff, Kathy Bouma, Randy McLean

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“Diggin in the Dirt”

Gardening season begins again!

We are in the process of assessing the maintenance needs of each of our 20 municipal garden sites. We have met with the staff of the Centre Wellington Parks Department. They have committed their support.

NEW VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOMED !



“Diggin details”

- Tuesday mornings from 8-10 am
- Gardening tasks may include planting, dividing, pruning, edging, deadheading, and weeding
- Personal gardening tools required
- Working at an assigned site within a small group
- Perks: - your own purple FHS tee shirt
 - free coffee at 10am and an opportunity to socialize with other gardeners

If you are interested in volunteering please contact:

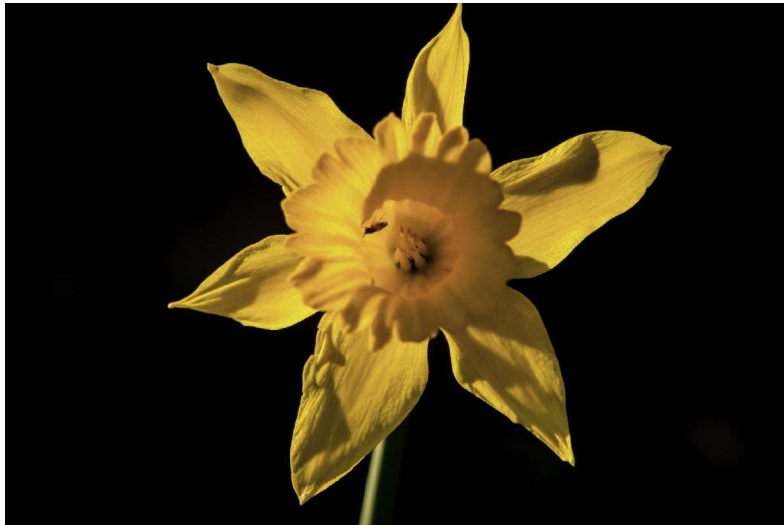
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Flower Show Information

Although we don't have a flower show this month, be sure to pick up your show booklet if you have exhibited before. I have them ready for members along with Entry tickets for the May Show.

However, let's have fun this month and bring a spring flower in to share and show to the rest of the members.



I look forward to seeing what is blooming in your garden.

Kathy Bouma
Flower Show Chair