



# Vankleek Hill and District Horticultural Society (VKHDHS)



## Spring Newsletter May 2022 Welcome to our first newsletter!

### Our Leadership for 2022

Daryl Waite, President  
Mary Higginson, First Vice President  
Bonnie Brazeau Second Vice President  
Diane Bourgault Secretary  
Joan King Treasurer  
Carol Hague Director  
Mandy Jefferys Director

### Saturday May 21 Plant Sale



### Our activities:

#### Spring Cleanup at Mill Street Park



Thank you to: Richard Berry, Bonnie Brazeau, Carol Hague, Mary Higginson, Mandy Jefferys, Joan King, Donna Loretto, Christine Morris, Karin Palmquist, Daryl Waite and Dorli Wicki for braving those winds last Friday.

Members traditionally have been extremely generous in donating gardening books, plants and seedlings for the sale. Hopefully, we can count on your help again this spring.

There is an advantage to buying these plants as they are locally acclimated and much less expensive than commercial.

Ideally plants should be potted a week in advance and keep them watered so they have recovered and look good in time for the sale. If you have a plant that you are unable to dig up or divide contact us we can help!

Label each plant with name, colour, size etc. any information that helps a potential buyer to choose wisely.

Plants can be dropped off in front of Scotiabank Main Street Vankleek Hill starting at 7.45 am. The sale runs from 9.00 until 12.00pm.

We are looking for a team of volunteers to help with the sale and give advice to our buyers. This is a wonderful chance to visit with old friends and make new ones. Come and buy we have something for everyone!

**Bring a friend and spread the word.**

### Next meeting

June 16<sup>th</sup> 7 pm VKH Community Center. Are you concerned about your animal's safety around plants in your home and garden? Dr Russ Campbell a local vet will be discussing poisonous plants.

## Other horticultural activities

May 13-23 Canadian Tulip Festival  
Commissioners Park Ottawa Recognizes the sacrifices of Canadian soldiers made during the liberation of the Netherlands since 1953. Free Admission  
<https://ottawatourism.ca/en/see-and-do/canadian-tulip-festival>

## Community Items

**Vankleek Hill Tulips Fields** 199 Main St East Vankleek Hill (check website regularly for opening dates) <https://vkhtulipfields.com/>

**June 4th Trash and Treasure** Vankleek Hill

**June 5 th Annual Garden Path Homemade Soap** 284 Pleasant Corners Road East. Self-guided tour of the gardens with detailed map Local Artisans and Vendors 1:00 - 5:0pm

<https://gardenpathsoap.com/pages/annual-garden-party>

**Good Food Garden** 1793 Pleasant Corner West is run by one of our members Peggy McDonald who has been very generous in donating some profits from the sale of her seedlings to the society.

<https://goodfoodgarden.ca/pages/about-us>

**My Nordic garden**

<https://www.mynordicgarden.ca/about>

## Member Benefits

**10% off at Quenneville Nurseries, 5690 Hwy 17 Plantagenet ON (need proof of 2022 membership)**

<https://serresmquenneville.ca/en/home-page/>

## Special Items

**2022 is the "Year of the Garden" proclaimed by Champlain Township.**



Plant Red to pay tribute to lives lost, or honour frontline workers during the pandemic or as an expression of your Canadian Garden Pride 2022.

<https://livethegardenlife.gardenscanada.ca/>

**Planting Sunflowers For Peace In Ukraine**

<https://gardenculturemagazine.com/planting-sunflowers-for-peace-in-ukraine>



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