

Newsletter

June 2023



Mission:

A space for residents of Wellington North to grow food, learn and connect through gardening



**Opening Weekend!
Let's Grow Some Food!**

Fast Fact:
On opening weekend, 750 litres of water was used (for watering) due to the hot & dry conditions!



Leading up to opening day - so much progress made by so many volunteers!



Despite significant weather delays during late April and into May, June 3 & 4 marked the opening weekend for gardening in the Mount Forest Community Garden. Volunteers and gardeners alike have been working towards and waiting for this weekend for some time.

A lot of hard work went into bringing this dream come true. The photos to the right are just a few images of some of the hard-working crews of volunteers and community members.





What are our Gardeners Saying?

When asked how are you today? - **Veronica** replies, "Whenever I am in the garden I am good."

Whitney says that she loves the smell and the feel of the earth and dirt that she experiences when she is in the garden - right down to her toes.



Ron sees the garden as a high quality project, top level. The Principal and concept of the whole thing provides the gardeners and the community with the opportunity to get back to nature, cleanse their minds and take a moment for their own spiritual wellbeing. A great place to meet people.

Check out some of the great sights from opening weekend in these photos!

Fast Fact:
We have 33 Gardeners growing food on 48 garden spaces! Plus community growing spaces!

What are our Landowners/Donors saying?

Having done quite a bit of reading and watching news programs about the economy and Community Gardens over the last couple of years, the subject came up at a family Thanksgiving dinner last year. **Allan & Cathy Sharpe** wondered if there might be a need and interest for a Community Garden in Mount Forest. Connections were made with the Mount Forest Family Health Team, and as they say, the rest is history. The vision began. Since the work began on the garden itself, Allan & Cathy have visited the site many times and commented on the dedicated work of the volunteers. "Things are really coming along. It is going to be a truly beautiful space."





Sitting areas allow you to take a moment to relax and enjoy the space

Some Special Features in the Garden

Our Children's/Family gardening area with garden elements to engage and intrigue young gardeners and help them to learn about growing food



Elevated and raised garden beds allow ease of access for those gardeners who cannot get down to ground level

Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 22, 2023
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mount Forest Horticultural Society Annual Garden Tour

The Community Garden is a stop on this year's Garden Tour
Tickets can be purchased at
M&M Food Market
\$10 - \$15



3:00-5:00 pm

Private Garden Tour for Sponsors and Donors

Expect your Invitations soon

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