



Sprucedale & District Horticultural Society

At our April meeting our speakers were Ron and Pauline Patton from Sunrise Heirloom Vegetables in Kearney. They inspired and educated our members on the joy of growing garlic. We learned about types, how to plant, grow and harvest one of the most popular vegetables used in all sorts of recipes. A real staple for a kitchen garden.

We are actively seeking new members and volunteers to join and help run our society. At the present moment we are looking for help with Secretary, Programs, Nominations, Community Gardens, Fundraising, Flower Show If you are able to help we would be very appreciative. Contact Lynn McIntosh - President (katlandesuren.net) if you are able to help out. A big thank you to those who have taken on positions.



THE MAY PLANT SALE IS AN IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SOCIETY. WE ARE ASKING FROM OUR MEMBERS TO BRING DONATIONS OF: PLANTS - ANNUAL, PERENNIAL AND HOUSE PLANTS. TO MAKE THIS SALE SUCCESSFUL. THANKS

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MAY PLANT SALE

WE ARE PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE EMSDALE AG EVENT AS
OUR 2023 PLANT SALE



ALL SORTS OF PLANTS
AVAILABLE - PERENNIALS,
ANNUALS, HOUSE PLANTS

MEET...LEARN...SHARE...GROW...SMILE

SEE YOU THERE SEE YOU THERE

**NEXT MEETING - MAY 15
AT
VARIEGATED DEVAS
NURSERY
1027 HWY 11, EMSDALE
NURSERY TOUR
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR
AND BEVERAGE**



**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2023
STILL ONLY \$7.00**

For the Love of Garlic Everything you Wanted to Know

TYPE

Hardneck: These have a harder stem and cannot be braided but produce 4-7 large cloves.

Softneck: These have a soft stem and are easily braided and produce smaller more numerous cloves.

HOW TO PLANT

Step One: In the fall, remove the cloves from the bud, only choose the larger size cloves and remove any that are damaged or diseased.

Step Two: Plant in well drained fertile soil - 4" deep and 6" apart in Rows 16" apart with the pointed side up. Cover with soil

Step Three: After the 1st snowfall, cover with 3-4" of Straw (Ron uses Wheat Straw which has less weed seeds).



MAINTENANCE

To keep a healthy plot of garlic growing, Ron says to follow these handy tips.

Remove Straw: When the garlic starts to sprout in the spring - Remove the straw. If the straw is left on, the garlic growth will be set back by 2 weeks.

Fertilize: Only once in the spring by side dressing with fish compost.

Weed: Weed lots - Garlic HATES weeds.

Water: Garlic needs 1" of rain/week. If no rain then water with overhead sprinkler. Drip tape doesn't give enough water.

Scapes: When the garlic starts to develop Scapes (garlic's flower), remove. If you don't remove the scapes the garlic harvest will lose 35% of the bulb yield. Remove the scape by breaking manually on the stem just above the top leaf. Use these scapes in soup, sauces, stir fry, etc. as they are very tasty.

Harvest: When the leaves are 50% yellow - Usually mid July. If dig out too early the bulbs won't keep OR if too late the bulbs split. Dig beside the plant with a shovel to loosen the soil - don't pull out. Let the bulbs dry - do not wash, just rub off the dirt. Hang up in bundles of 10 with air circulation. Do not put in the direct sun.

Store: Trim the roots 1/4" from the bottom - cut the stem and store in a cool/dry and dark place.

Varieties: Ron grows mostly hardneck garlic. Some varieties are Georgian Fire, Russian Red, German Mennonite, Northern Quebec, Music. He will be introducing other varieties this year such as German White, Susan Dalfields, Great Northern and Ivan.

A trip to Sunrise Heirloom Vegetables is a must for any garlic lover. To check when they will open for the season you can go to their Facebook Page - Sunrise Heirloom Vegetables.

