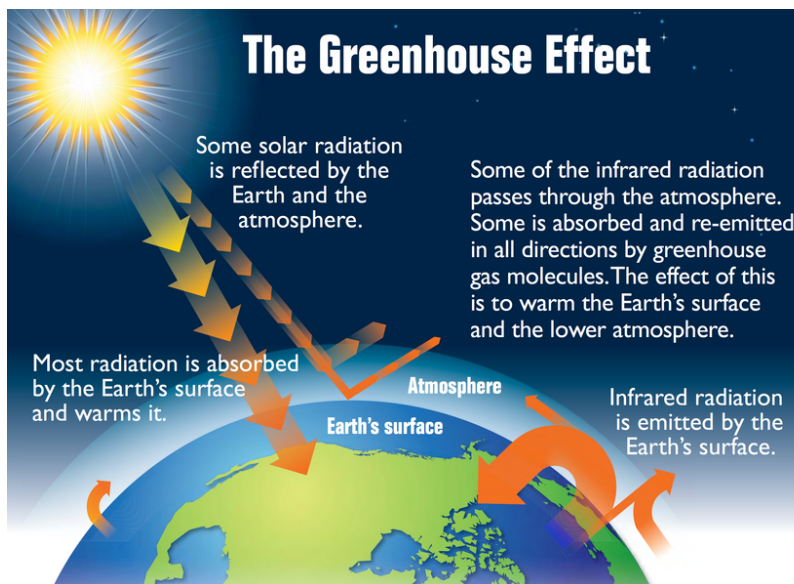


# *Sprucedale & District Horticultural Society*



## CLIMATE CHANGE AND HOW IT AFFECTS OUR GARDENS

April's meeting welcomed our guest speaker Gordon Miller. Gordon is an ecologist and environmental policy analyst with many years of experience. While Gordon is well accredited, most of his career has been spent in the public sector starting as a scientist with the Ministry of the Environment and concluding his career by serving three five-year terms as Ontario's Environmental Commissioner.



Gordon Miller

Gordon's presentation explained the impact of Green House Gases on the environment. He explained that large amount of GHG are being added to the atmosphere and unfortunately it is too late to stop it. The warmer atmosphere holds more water vapour so when it condenses we get heavier precipitation. He talked about there being two significant sources of human origin to the Greenhouse Effect, fossil fuel burning and land use change.

He illustrated that climate change will impact us as gardeners in Almaguin/Muskoka due to:

- Generally wetter weather, although drought in the summer
- Warmer in spring and fall
- More very hot days and topical nights
- Few extremely cold winter days
- Longer frost-free periods
- Increased rainfall will likely come in heavy events, which can produce soil compaction and gullyng.

The solution to drought, compaction and erosion is Organic Matter content in your soil.

**Article written by Margaret French**

**Compost  
Everything !!!  
Never let OM  
(organic matter)  
leave your  
property.**



## FUNDRAISING 2024

### Plant Sale



Sprucedale & District Horticulture Society

**ANNUAL PLANT SALE**

**MAY 18**  
**9:00 AM**

Seedlings & Cuttings  
Flowers  
Vegetables  
Berry Bushes  
Seeds

**HOPE'S CLOVER FARM**  
**18 PETER STREET**  
**NOVAR**

This is our BIG fundraising event and we will need everyone to bring their plants - outdoor perennials, shrub cuttings, house plants, vegetable seedlings and seeds. The more the better - it will be a huge sale.

### Gift Table

April's Gift Table fundraiser was such a great success.

Thank you to all who brought the interesting and beautiful items. There were many happy winners taking home their treasures.

Remember to bring any donations of items that are practically new or new that are still usable to the next meeting .

No chemicals please.

### Meeting Location Change

We are growing in leaps and bounds with our Membership now topping almost 70.

This means we have outgrown our current meeting location and will be searching for another suitable space to meet.

★ **CHECK THE FLYER BELOW**

Sprucedale & District Horticultural Society  
**MAY MEETING**

**NEW LOCATION**

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**When: Monday, May 20, 2024**  
**Time: 7:00 pm - doors open at 6:30**  
**Place: Sprucedale Community Centre**  
**31 William Street, Sprucedale**

**PROGRAM :**  
**BOTANICAL SKINCARE, DISTILLATION**  
**& PLANT MEDICINE**

**SPEAKER: Ashley Love**



**Refreshments too**  
**Save the Environment**  
**Bring your own Mug**

**Membership**  
**Dues:**  
**\$10.00/year**

**Please think**  
**about**  
**volunteering**

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