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NEWSLETTER

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Sprucedale & District Horticultural Society



Sprucedale & District Horticultural Society's May meeting was held at Variegated Devas' Nursery.

What a treat to visit this unique and eclectic nursery just north of Huntsville in Emsdale. Lindy, the owner and creator of this beautiful nursery that specializes in rare and unusual plants spoke with great enthusiasm about her love of what she calls "Gardening as Art".





Sitting in her greenhouse, surrounded with beautiful annuals, Lindy gave a brief history of her journey to create this very special and unique plant nursery. Started in 2004 and with lots of hard work she developed her business into a haven where people can come to learn all about the beauty of plants.

Variegated Devas' offers custom planting where Lindy works with people to help them realize their garden vision. Anything from window boxes, planters, hanging baskets, Lindy creates a beautiful landscape tailored to the individual's growing conditions, desired colours and budget. For those who have difficulty in deciding how to plan a garden, she will work with them to help choose the best plants based on the environment that they live in. If you are planning a special event, Lindy offers custom services including centerpieces, wreaths, urns and more and if you are interested in having a group of your friends get together for a fun workshop, Lindy offers hands on workshops to make something beautiful to take home.

During our visit, Lindy spoke about how the nursery does not use pesticides on the plants. To combat insect infestations beneficial insects are purchased and released every two weeks during the grow season to offset plant harmful insect pests.

We also learned the magic of frequent trims to promote interstitial bud activation thereby enhancing annuals to grow more thickly and to





promote constant blooming.

The Variegated Devas' Nursery is a place to visit for native plants that are grown especially to thrive in our local climate. One example are the locally sourced grass divisions from the Burk's Falls resident who actually developed the two new Panicum species they are selling.

Best of all, after listening to Lindy's enthusiasm and love of plants, we were able to shop and bring home our own choices of annual or perennial plants.

To visit Variegated Devas' Nursery, drive North from Huntsville, past Novar. They are located at fire #1027 Highway 11, driveway exiting directly from Hwy#11watch for the Canadian flag – Emsdale, Ontario. GPS:45.486832/-79.282595 VOL. 3 - ISSUE 3



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THE MAY PLANT SALE IS APPROACHING SOON. IT IS AN IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SOCIETY.

WE ARE ASKING FROM OUR MEMBERS TO BRING DONATIONS OF:

PLANTS - ANNUAL, PERENNIAL AND HOUSE PLANTS

TO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE NOVAR COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR SHARING SOME OF YOUR BEAUTIFUL PLANTS.







NEXT MEETING



WHEN: JUNE 19, 2023WHERE: KEARNEY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGIONTOPIC: BIRDS IN YOUR BACKYARD WITH RICK STRONKS

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