

# *Sprucedale & District Horticultural Society*



## 2024 - IS SHAPING UP TO BE A SUPER FANTASTIC YEAR FOR OUR SOCIETY

There's only a month away for the 1st meeting on March 18, 2024 and already there are so many events in the works.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING??

Our society is hosting the 2024 District 18 AGM and we have been working hard to make this a great success. The Theme of Forest Gardening has inspired us to have craft days and we are busy creating beautiful decorations. If you have some spare time, we would love to have you volunteer at the AGM.

The AGM includes a Flower and Photography Show, Silent Auction, Tasty Luncheon, Inspiring Guest Speaker, Swag Bag, Door Prizes and a Mystery Craft.

We are expecting a really good turnout from all of the other Societies in District 18 and it would be helpful for us to know how many from our own society are planning on attending this event on May 4, 2024 at the Emsdale Community Centre.

Please let us know if you are going to attend. If you haven't been to an AGM in the past, this is the one you shouldn't miss.

Garden Ontario - District 18 AGM  
Sprucedale & District  
Horticultural Society  
Presents:

**FOREST GARDENING, FORAGING &  
LAND STEWARDSHIP with  
Chris Gilmour**

Forest Gardening is an ancient way of tending and working with the forest to provide food and medicine for humans while also sharing the land with all the other beings who rely on it. Join us for an introduction to sustainable wild foraging, mushroom growing, and working with native edible and medicinal plants both in your garden and the surrounding woods and wetlands.



Chris Gilmour is a naturalist, wild forager and outdoor educator from the Muskoka region. Along with his wife Laura, they live on a modern-day homestead where they have been practicing forest gardening, mushroom growing and wild foraging for over a decade. His experience and expertise are recognized internationally. Learn more at [www.chrisoutdoors.ca](http://www.chrisoutdoors.ca) and [www.wildmuskoka.com](http://www.wildmuskoka.com). You can also find him on YouTube and Instagram as @ChrisOutdoorsON



**May 4, 2024 - 1:00 PM**

Emsdale Community Centre  
25 Joseph Street  
Emsdale, Ontario POA 1J0

A limited amount of tickets available to the general public.  
Contact: [sprucedalehort@gmail.com](mailto:sprucedalehort@gmail.com) for details.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our membership dues are being raised to \$10.00 which is in line with our original plan in 2020 before the arrival of Covid and no meetings.

Ellen Mann, our new Membership Director will be at the meeting to take your dues and provide you with your 2024 Membership Card.

New Name Tags are in the works - this way we can say HI to our new members and even remember the names of our current members.



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**INVITES YOU TO BECOME A MEMBER**

- Meet enthusiastic & friendly gardeners
- Learn from knowledgeable program speakers
- Share plants, seeds, tips, etc.
- Grow your garden and friendships.
- Smile and savour the refreshments.

WOW - All the above for only \$10.00/year.

Find us on: Facebook 

To Join Contact: sprucedalehort@gmail.com  
OR at any of our scheduled monthly meetings.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE UPCOMING  
MARCH MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2024 -7:00 PM  
EMSDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

## HARMFULL AND INVASIVE PHRAGMITES

**details to follow in the upcoming  
flyer**



## FUNDRAISING GIFT TABLE



### NEW for 2024.

We are going to have a gift table at each meeting that we will sell tickets for a chance to pick one of the special gifts on the table. This will be a super fun way to raise funds and replaces the Share the Wealth ticket sales.

We would like donations of items that are practically new or new that are still usable. Garden implements, decorative pots, vases are good to have on the table. Anything useful or decorative that you have around your house that you don't want anymore will help. Some other suggestions are: craft items that you make, jars of jams or pickles that you make, puzzles or games, books in good condition, nice pieces of clothing or fabric, baskets, table cloths, fresh baking.....

Please don't bring any kind of garden chemicals. Much appreciated!

Any questions, contact Lori Sild at:  
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