

Gabriola Celebration of Cultivation at The Commons Fall Fair

This year's fall fair is fast approaching, and this year the agricultural exhibit almost didn't happen due to low turnout in previous years. This sounded incredibly sad to some of us. This is an island that grows aplenty. We see posts all over Facebook and Instagram, but it has seemed a struggle to get a bountiful turnout in solid form. So this year we are trying something new, in an effort to make the exhibit more of a celebration of all we grow as an island, rather than a competition between individuals.

There will be two elements to the exhibit. **Side "A"** will be a showcase where we will display all of our favourite varieties of fruits, vegetables, flowers or preserves; along with any relevant information such as variety, source of seed (is it local? Self-saved?) special traits etc. Let's see how many varieties are being grown on Gabriola!

Side B will be a little closer to the conventional exhibit where we enter our fruit baskets, vegetable baskets, largest fruit/vegetable, best 3 of any kind, most inappropriate vegetable, veggie art, etc. However, instead of judges handing out ribbons, every viewer through the exhibit will be encouraged to place 3 stickers next to their favourite entries. We will have the categories on the Commons website and Facebook page.

Please bring your entries on a plate or in a basket to the Goat Barn at the Commons before 10 am when the fair opens. Please pick up before the fashion show at 2:30 pm. If you are late to drop off, it's ok, the more the merrier. The idea is to celebrate the diversity and abundance of what we are growing here on Gabriola, and come together to see it all under one roof!