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Rose is a rose is a rose is a rose.

--Gertrude Stein, "Sacred Emily" (1913) Geography and Plays (1922)

SPEAKER April 11

Linda Peacock, on: "Are Roses a Thorn in Our Sides?"

FUNDRAISER

WHS is in the process of organizing a sale of two essential garden supplies:

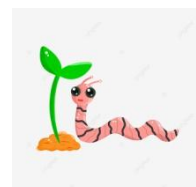
1. Worm castings. Promote the healthy growth and root structure of your plants.
2. Rain barrels. Capture water from a roof, eaves troughs and downspouts. A rain barrel holds this water for later use, such as on lawns, gardens, indoor plants, or even washing your car.

Stay tuned for more information in May and let your friends and neighbours know.

ROSE OF THE YEAR

The 2022 Rose of the Year is "*It's a Wonderful Life*", a free flowering floribunda shrub rose. This wonderful new rose has been awarded the coveted accolade 'Rose of the Year 2022'. Bred by Colin Dickson, it produces a succession of long-lasting, lightly scented flowers on robust and disease-resistant plants. It has lustrous green foliage and an upright habit. Each bloom can grow up to 10cm across. Blooms are a blend of pink, orange and peach, and will fit into many different colour schemes.

Water generously until well established and either apply a special rose fertilizer or make your own compost tea. These roses will also benefit from a generous mulch of composted farmyard manure in spring.





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GARDENING CHORES

We're in for another moth infestation. The LDD Moth (*Lymantria dispar dispar*) is formerly known as the European Gypsy Moth.

Win the battle by removing egg masses from tree trunks, walls, crevices on fences... they can be anywhere! For more info, visit: <https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/news/article/experts-say-to-prepare-for-another-ldd-moth-infestation-this-spring>

Mid-April is the time to clear leaf mulch from the crowns of perennials and wherever bulbs grow and to prune winter kill off rose bushes.

Keep a detailed checklist of jobs that need doing. This is a good time to put your new Gardeners' Journal to use. Revisit last year's garden photos and make note of any lessons learned. Store photos in the handy envelope.

Cut back dead stems of perennials.

Remove protective plant coverings, such as burlap and evergreen boughs.

Press back perennials heaved by frost.

Top dress containers with fresh compost.

As soon as the ground is workable, plant cool weather crops: peas, onions and kale, calendula and bachelor buttons. Plant bare-root plants.

Cut back dogwood and *Salix* (willow) and use for spring arrangements. This will result in colourful winter stems.

Hoe and mulch already thriving weeds to keep them under control early.

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you have anything you'd like added to the newsletter, please call or email Mary no later than one week before the next meeting.

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