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MUKWA GIIZIS
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Ever thought of growing nuts?

By Lynn Moreau

Nut farming is currently a reality in Southern Ontario's Niagara region. Existing nut farms in Ontario include Grimo Nut Nursery and Rhora's Nut Farm & Nursery, both based in the Niagara Region. Recently, Highview Orchards near Jordan Station Ontario, began growing nuts for research purposes.

Climate change's impact on growing zones throughout Ontario may mean that the edible nut production range will move further north. Ontario farmers sell their nuts locally, ship to other Provinces and the United States, with demand greatly exceeding the available supply.

Over 12 varieties of nuts are grown at Grimo's nut nursery, with the most popular being hazelnuts. Other nuts grown include butternut, chestnut, heartnut, hickory, hickan, pecan, pine nut, walnut, peanut and black walnut. Chestnuts can be ground into a flour that can be used in gluten free baking, and can be used to create baked goods such as pies, cakes, cookies and breads. Hazelnuts have

been identified as a valuable crop for chocolate making and can also be used in beer.

The international brand name Ferrero Group, who produces Nutella and other chocolate confections, purchases 60% of the world's hazelnuts to create their sweets. Ferrero Canada has a 900,000 square food production plant that opened in Brantford Ontario, and it has an interest in supporting local hazelnut producers. By the year 2020 the company planned to implement a policy of 100 percent traceability of the hazelnuts they use. The company is eager to establish a local source of nuts since most of the nuts they currently use are imported from Turkey and Italy. The company is eager to create relationships with local growers and is conducting research with local growers on the best disease resistant cultivars for use in Ontario.

Nut trees can play an important role in environmental enhancement by naturally providing food, shade and shelter for wildlife.

Several associations for nut

growing exist within Ontario. The Ontario Hazelnut Association is promoting the growth of the hazelnut in Ontario. The Society of Ontario Nut Growers is a group of over 300 nut enthusiasts that are dedicated to the promotion of nut trees as a source of food, enjoyment, timber and other by-products. They encourage the planting of nut trees including commercial growers and hobbyists.

One benefit of growing nuts is there is no need to invest in expensive machinery because most of the work is done by hand. The trees are shorter, do not require a great deal of pruning and do not need high manpower to harvest. The challenge is that you need to wait several years for the trees to establish themselves before getting a yield. A tree can bear nuts for hundreds of years, once established. Nuts can indeed be a legacy for the next seven generations.







For more information on nut growing, check out the following links: www.grimonut.com; <http://www.songonline.ca/>; http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/CropOp/en/spec_fruit/nuts/hear.html



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Lands and Resources

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RESOURCES: Agriculture Programs

	<p>LANDSCAPE ONTARIO GRANTS Criteria: We are looking to support projects that would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance physical, mental and spiritual wellness; Offer environmental benefit, such as pollinator or wildlife gardens; Provide community or educational benefit, such as community gardens. Candidate projects could be actual gardens or organizations that support garden-related ventures, such as seed exchanges or urban fruit harvesting. Projects could be located on public or private property, but those located on private property must demonstrate community benefit. Projects on public property must have the permission of the municipality. The money would be granted for materials, such as seeds, plants, soil amendments or tools, but not for compensation of industry professionals. Landscape Ontario Chapter members may choose to participate in the project pro bono. Applications should be received by March 3, 2023. Additional information, pictures, etc, can be forwarded to jrhoden@landscapeontario.com <p>Bursary announcements will be made on Friday, March 17, 2023. https://horttrades.com/toronto-chapter-bursary-program-returns-for-2023</p>
	<p>FREE TRAINING for landscape and horticulture professionals. https://www.growtraining.ca/</p>
	<p>THE SPECIES AT RISK PARTNERSHIPS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS (SARPAL) PROGRAM will have a 2023 intake open from March 1 to March 8, 2023. Species at Risk Partnerships on Agricultural Lands (SARPAL) is an Environment and Climate Change Canada initiative that is focused on working with farmers to support the recovery of species at risk on agricultural land. SARPAL funds conservation actions currently focused on supporting 12 target Species at Risk. https://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/species-at-risk-partnership-on-agricultural-lands/</p>
	<p>BUSINESS RECOVERY FINANCING IAPO is pleased to offer Business Recovery Financing (BRF) to eligible First Nations businesses affected by the COVID 19 pandemic. Funding, which extends until March 31, 2023, is provided through the Indigenous Economic Development Fund by the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs. www.indianag.on.ca</p>
	<p>RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Economic Diversification and Competitiveness Stream: up to 50% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$150,000. STRATEGIC ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE STREAM: up to 30% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$250,000. January 23-February 23rd intake. https://www.ontario.ca/page/rural-economic-development-program</p>
	<p>CARROT CACHE is looking to fund food projects that are driven by individuals or groups who are facing systemic barriers and/or lacking funds from other resources to complete projects that improve or create change within the local food system in Ontario. https://www.carrotcache.com/funding-criteria-carrot-cache-funding</p>



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TAKING CARE OF OUR LAND AND WATER IN FOOD PRODUCTION

Youth Forum Promotes Sharing

By Lynn Moreau

On January 17th and 18th, 2023, the Anishinabek Nation Agricultural Youth Forum-Taking Care of our Land and Water in Food Production, took place at the Best Western in North Bay. The event was well attended, with youth from all four regions participating.

Keynote speaker Joe Pitawanakwat of Creator's Garden participated virtually, with other speakers including Glenda Abbott, Chef Johl Whiteduck, Dr. Joseph Leblanc of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Keri Gray of Shades of Gray Rabbitry, Jessica McLaughlin and Shelbie Gagnon of Gaagige Zaagibigaa, Nathan Kanasawe of Buzwah Fisheries, Michael McGuire and Dr. Fadi Al Daoud of OMAFRA and Jason Gharibo of Haggerty Agrobotics. A Youth Panel on Agricultural Economic Development was held on Day 2. For those who would like to see a copy of the presentations, they can be found on our website here: <https://www.anishinabekagriculture.ca/?s=round+table+presentations&Search+Button=>

The Trade Show included some colleges that offer agriculture as part of their programs. Nipissing University and Conestoga College were in attendance, along with several agricultural organizations. To learn more about the work the Anishinabek Nation is doing please visit our website at www.anishinabekagriculture.ca.



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Conestoga College took part in trade show..

UPCOMING EVENTS



ANISHINABEK NATION WEBSITES

Anishinabek Nation Agricultural Website
www.anishinabekagriculture.ca



Anishinabek Nation Food Map
<http://bit.ly/3YipyKP>
or click on QR Code.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

TEAM LEADER-ROOT RADICAL CSA

Gananoque Area-contact rootradicalcsa@gmail.com
Northern Foodways Development Coordinator-Local Food and Farm Coops
Position: Contract (Remote)
Location: Must reside within Northern Ontario
Deadline: Feb 8 2023
<https://www.localfoodandfarm.coop/job-opportunities>

FIELD HAND-VINTAGE SOIL FARM

Location: Kemptville
Contact: isabelle@vintagesoilfarm.com

CONFERENCE/EVENTS MANAGER

Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario
Location: Guelph, Ontario or option to work remotely from home office
Employment type: 35 hours/week
Start date: April 3, 2023
Duration: 1 year (parental leave position)
Salary: \$50,000 - \$60,000/year FTE, depending on qualifications and experience
Application deadline: February 12, 2023 11:59PM EST
<https://efao.ca/>

COMMUNICATIONS INTERN-GRAIN FARMERS OF ONTARIO

Deadline: February 15, 2023
<https://gfo.ca>



If you have any comments or suggestions contact Lynn at email: lynn.moreau@anishinabek.ca.



KIIN MIINWAA ENDADIZIWINAN: LANDS & RESOURCES

OVERVIEW

The Lands and Resources Department was established within the Anishinabek Nation in the spring of 2007. Currently, there are four program areas with staffing capabilities. These include: Water Resources, Minerals and Mining, Trapping, and Canada Ontario Resource Development Agreement.

MISSION

The Lands and Resources mission is to foster a better quality of life by ensuring access to natural resources by supporting the goals, values and aspirations of the Anishinabek Nation.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES/CAPACITY BUILDING

By creating opportunities our communities are empowered to increase the natural, technical and financial capacity derived and generated from our lands and natural resources."

Jurisdiction and Treaty Rights – "by building and preserving Anishinabek laws within our territories, communities can continue to assert and exercise jurisdiction, implementing ownership of lands, water and resources."

Access to Lands and Resources – "our communities are strengthened by continuous advocacy efforts to increase access to lands and resources."

<https://www.anishinabek.ca/departments/land-and-resources/>

MKWA GIIZIS (BEAR MOON) – FEBRUARY

The second moon of Creation is Bear Moon, when we honour the vision quest that began in the fall. During this time, we discover how to see beyond reality and to communicate through energy rather than sound. This moon also gives us a special teaching about the birth of bear cubs. In February, there is one morning when there is a heavy fog in the air and the traditional person knows that this is happening.



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