

BCFTA AGM and COVID 19 response

We are a few days away from the scheduled AGM and Plant Sales event, the rootstocks have arrived, and the plants are arriving soon. In light of being responsible to flatten the “curve” of the COVID 19 virus the BCFTA is taking special steps to limit social contact but still connect you with your orders.

Our goal is to ensure members get their plants and rootstock with the least amount of social contact. For this reason we have revised our plan to be cognoscente of best practices for the safety of members and volunteers.

The Plan - Directions:

On Saturday March 21st the AGM and Plant Sale will be held but only in a format that allows members to file through a managed line up, past the tables for plants, rootstock orders, supplies and scionwood.

There will be no speaking events or grafting workshops.

We will attempt to hold the AGM meeting at 9 am to fulfill the basic requirements for the Societies Act – likely a stand up meeting outside the front doors and limited to 10 minutes. Gord will be the chair of that meeting.

Plants, scionwood, and supplies will be located inside. See directions below.

Cider Press orders and Bulk Orders will be located outside. See directions below

INSIDE SALES (plants, scionwood, supplies) - Directions

- The doors will open as soon as the formalities of the AGM are done (approx. 9:15am), and 20-30 people at a time will be admitted at intervals of 15 minutes.
- ***Only one family member will be admitted out of a group***, unless help is required to carry boxes or plants. Please do not bring extra family members with you – we want to limit crowd size.
- Please dress warmly as we do not know the weather forecast for the 21st.
- A rope area will be used to keep people in a designated route through the auditorium. We would ask that you conduct the business you need as efficiently as possible.

OUTSIDE PRE-ORDERS (Cider Press and Bulk Orders) – Directions

- Outside, behind the Auditorium is the Quonset Hut
- Orders can be picked up from there
- Please come with your printout of your order in hand.
- **Refunds for orders not collected will not be an option and unclaimed orders will be donated to local horticultural programs in the area.**

In Closing

Please come with the understanding that we will have a managed process for the plant sales and the Order Pickups. We will limit the flow of people through the lines – and we ask not to bring extra family members if not needed.

We have volunteers and members who are in the higher risk category. Please be respectful of your activities and interactions as there is heightened anxiety across the whole of our society.

Thanks,
Gord Baird
President - BCFTA