

## General Manager's Message



As we go to print, the news has been pretty discouraging around COVID 19. We were hoping for a more normal holiday season, and unfortunately, this was not the case. Our staff continues to come to work every day and to do their absolute best to keep each other, and our customers safe.

Hate to keep repeating it, but we will beat this if we work safely, sanitize, change our mask, get our 1st, 2nd, or third shots, and, as always, be kind to each other.

At the Co-op, it is business as usual for this time of year. We continue to position as much spring product as early as we are able, to minimize the effects of shortages, production delays, and shipping delays. The last two hundred tonnes of fertilizer to fill our shed is inbound and bag fertilizer deliveries are scheduled. Seed is also rolling in filling any available space. Consider taking spring product as soon as you are able. It will help us manage our warehouses and ensure that you have product when you are ready to roll. We can help with scheduled deliveries and extended terms to help you manage cash flow. Speaking of cash flow, FS Credit provides convenient credit for all your crop inputs, including fuel. Given the higher input costs we are seeing this year, FS Credit can provide you with a piece of mind and additional funding to work around unexpected expenses that may pop up. If you already have an FS Credit line, you may want to consider a limit increase for #plant22.

A Special Meeting of Members has been scheduled for April 7th in Mildmay. Plans are to have this meeting in person if government protocols allow. We encourage you to participate, to get information around the proposed amalgamation of North Wellington with Huron Bay Co-operative, and, to vote on the future direction of your co-operative. If you have any questions, please call me in the Harriston office.

North Wellington Co-op has had an impressive year, making progress on many fronts. We couldn't have done it without you! Have a great January! Best of luck with your resolutions, and, as I always say, we'll be on the land in 12 weeks.

Best Regards.....

Kelly Boyle  
General Manager

## Address Corrections & Phone Numbers

The Post Office is requesting complete civic addresses on all mail we send out (fire number, road name, and RR #).

We are trying to catch these as we come to them. Please help us out by calling in to our Harriston office with the proper mailing address and phone number(s) for your account.

## Energy Notes

Winter is upon us! As I write this, the energy team is very busy keeping our customer's tanks full and preparing for the holiday season. We would like to remind 'Will Call' customers to give us 3 business days' notice for delivery requirements. We also ask that you make sure laneways are marked and clear of snow; this ensures access to your tank and the safety of our drivers.

Both North Wellington and Huron Bay year-end results are now upon us, I'm very proud of the energy teams at each co-op. for the results we share this year. The energy teams at both co-ops have been working closely together each day, and it has allowed both to share in cost efficiencies that are noticeable to the bottom line. Working together to share in some positions and responsibilities has allowed us to conquer projects and workloads neither co-ops could've done on their own. We have many important projects that we still need to accomplish at both co-ops in the coming year. We are stronger as a team and I'm confident we will continue to see improvements in areas such as compliance, growth, and profitability.

On behalf of the energy team, we hope everyone had a safe, healthy, and enjoyable holiday, thank you for your continued support, and Happy New Year!

There are many ways to contact the Energy Division with your inquiries or order needs. Please see below or scan the QR code. Please note the "Cell" number provided receives text messages ONLY.

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## Annual Meeting

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SPECIAL MEMBERS' MEETING**  
**THURSDAY APRIL**

**THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN MILD MAY**

We are planning to have this meeting in person if regulations allow. This meeting will be held to inform and vote on the amalgamation of North Wellington and Huron Bay Co-operatives. Please contact Kelly Boyle at 519-338-2331 with any questions that you have.

## Garden Corner

By: Jennifer Magwood

The time of year has come again when the days are short, but the cold season seems to drag on forever.

We're accustomed to the cold snaps and snow, keeping ourselves warm with added layers, hot cocoa, and cozying up to the fireplace. While we know how to take care of ourselves, we may be unfamiliar with tending to our green, leafy houseguests during this time of year. Even though they're safe and snug inside our homes, houseplants still need a little extra comfort to stay lush during the cold months. Follow our simple guidelines to keep your houseplants happy and healthy, despite winter challenges:

### Dry Winter Air

Cold air doesn't hold as much moisture as warm air does, and your tropical houseplants will feel the difference. Just like our own dry skin and chapped lips, winter air can suck the moisture straight from our plants' pores, too. Here are some ways to keep them hydrated all winter long: Use a humidifier. This is an investment, we know. But both you AND your plants will be thankful for it. Say goodbye to dry skin and excessive watering and get ready to glow! Avoid heaters and grates. The air is already dry enough – the last thing we want to do is force more dry, heated air on your plant. If your houseplants are placed near an electric furnace, heat pump, or floor grate, you should move them ASAP. Cluster them Together. Plants can create their own little ecosystem, feeding off each other's humidity, when placed close to each other. Plus, who doesn't enjoy an oasis of green when everything outside the window is white? Bring them to the Bathroom. If you're lucky enough to have a well-lit bathroom with lots of space, consider moving your plants in there. They'll feel like they're in a sauna every time you get a steamy shower! Water and mist. These are the obvious options, but they're important to note, nonetheless!

### Decreased Sunlight

Less daylight = less energy. It's just an accepted phenomenon. When we return home after a long day's work and it's already dark out, we feel more inclined to crash on the couch and watch some Netflix. In a way, our plants are similar. Except plants rely on sunlight for energy even MORE than we do. With less energy from the sun, they simply can't put as much effort into growing as they do during other months. Don't worry, that'll pick back up again in the spring. It's normal for plants to slow down growing in the winter, which also means you can expect them to use less water. During the summer, you might have rushed to water your plants at the first sign of dry soil. In the winter, you can let the soil be until its dry down to your first knuckle.

### Drafty Windows

Keep your plants away from drafty windows, doors, and vents. Our tropical friends originate from warm, humid regions, where temperatures rarely fluctuate. This means they aren't accustomed to below freezing temperatures. You may think that plant on the windowsill or sitting over a blaring furnace is warm and cozy, but it's much more uncomfortable than somewhere that has a reliable

temperature.

In the winter, plants can play a huge role in boosting our mood and combating the winter blues. A little bit of green at home is exactly what we need when winter stretches longer than a sleepy cat. We need to support our plants in return. By reducing the stress that winter imposes on them, we can ensure optimal health for when spring finally decides to show up.

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## Shopping Spree Winners

We had two winners from our Customer Appreciation \$500 Shopping Spree!

**Michelle Schmitt – RR3 Durham**

**Fred Enge - Harriston**

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated!

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