

## 2025 Earthfest Report

Carleton Place and District Horticultural Society volunteers put in a big effort again this year at Earthfest in Carleton Place last Saturday. All the reports are fantastic. Congratulations to all of our volunteers who made this a special day for those who attended our activities and information tables.

### CPDHS table with our Climate Change and Biodiversity Group

Irene Tobis and her enthusiastic team of volunteers manned the CPDHS exhibit tables where visitors learned about the good works of the society and our *Climate Change and Biodiversity Group* volunteers answered questions and shared ideas, information, and enthusiasm.



The Carleton Place 'Hackberry Men's Shed' produced and donated handmade bird houses that were sold from the CPDHS tables to raise funds for the good works of the society.





## Kids Horticultural Activities

Bri Logan and a very busy volunteer team ran a heavily attended hands-on fun activity where kids learned about responsible horticultural practices. Because of privacy concerns we have not included pictures of the 150+ kids as they enjoyed this event.

### Bri reports:

*"Busy and beautiful day! Incredible display at the Society table with smiling, welcoming faces."*

*A quick summary: we had **at least 150 kids doing activities** at our table. Lost track after 110, but all agreed at least 40 kids after that. They were engaged and a steady stream of children and youth from before 11am to after 3pm. They loved the members' donations, including mugs, tea pots, jade plants, chamomile and fun seeds like candy cane zinnias. **Janet, Beth, Valencia, Abhann and Ryan were amazing volunteers.** Some familiar families from last year and the RONA workshops told us stories about the plants that grew last year from the seeds we planted together and the pasta sauce garden seedlings that are going strong from March. Many were using the seeds and plants to start their gardens this year, and some children hoped to see butterflies on the dill seedlings we gave away."*

















Many thanks to our CPDHS volunteers who contributed their time, knowledge and energy to make it happen. Also to all of those who donated materials that brought so many smiles to so many faces. And especially to the leadership of Irene and Bri who headed up this event for CPDHS and our community. Bravo to all!

Happy gardening, Rick

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