

# Inuvik Community Greenhouse

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## Executive Director's Message

This past month was a busy one, and the summer has barely even started. Expect more activities in the greenhouse than ever before! We have lots of great plans, and already are seeing lots of people out enjoying our community greenhouse.

We have had a few questions as to who is "allowed" in the greenhouse. We understand that a closed door and membership makes some people unsure. Due to our insurance, we need everyone who is actively gardening or who has access to the door code to be a member. Non plot holders can get an auxiliary membership for \$15. We also ask members to not give full tours – we make revenue off of our daily tours that help us with programming (tours are every weekday at 5:30pm, 2:30pm on Saturday). However, you can still bring your guests in with you! Show them your plot, enjoy the space – you are just responsible for them. Don't let them run with pruning shears! :D

With recent break-ins, it is important we all look out for each other, and take care the front door is closed. If you garden later in the evening, take care the back door is properly bolted, as well as the compost door.

We also had a few members notice small footprints in their plots, there is a chance faeries play here in the evening, but just in case, please keep an eye on your children when they join you in the greenhouse!

Ray can be reached at [info@inuvikgreenhouse.com](mailto:info@inuvikgreenhouse.com) or in the greenhouse office (from now until it gets cold again!)



## Upcoming Events at the Greenhouse

### June 17

Seed Instrument/Crafts Activity for kids. 12pm

### June 19

Trellising and Pruning Workshop 7pm

### June 24

Member Potluck – bring a dish to share and your own plate/utensil!

### June 27

First Veggie Box pick up

### July 8

LADYBUG RELEASE PARTY in partnership with the Inuvialuit Communications Society and the NWT Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

**EVERY TUESDAY** from 6pm – 8pm until end of September, join us for the Arctic Market!

# Board Report – from acting Board Chair, Cassandra Elliot\*

We are saddened by the three thefts that occurred over the last two weeks. The staff, the board members, and the membership all work hard to create a positive community space and it is upsetting to be the target of crimes. Rest assured we are working with Ray to increase the security of the facilities.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 23rd of May. We had approximately twenty-five members attend. The financial statement, the meeting minutes and the summary handout provided will be sent out to the membership in the next several weeks. We are recruiting new board members if anyone is interested in joining our awesome team, please send me an email at [boardofdirectors@inuvikgreenhouse.com](mailto:boardofdirectors@inuvikgreenhouse.com)

*\* The garden society is looking for a new board chair for the 2017 and 2018 seasons. If you are interested in helping out, either as chair or in another capacity, contact [boardofdirectors@inuvikgreenhouse.com](mailto:boardofdirectors@inuvikgreenhouse.com)*

## Coordinator Corner

I hope you're enjoying the warm and sunny days in the greenhouse! Transplanting season is coming to a close and our upstairs has begun the transition to events space—we had about 15 people come to our first yoga class (held every Monday and Thursday at 7pm)! We have several events and workshops coming up this month and we now have 5 staff at the greenhouse so don't hesitate to ask us questions.

If you have access to any of the following, please let us know:

- Wooden pallets in good condition
- Empty 2L pop bottles
- Volunteer to pick up clay in Whitehorse for our upcoming kids workshop (preferably by June 14)

### Gardening tips:

Things are starting to look lush! We're hosting weeding, trellising, and pruning workshops this month; and pest control, and succession planting workshops in July. For now, keep an eye on your plants to make sure that the top 1 cm of your soil is moist—the surface may look dry since that's where the water evaporates from first, but the soil beneath may still have some moisture in it. As



Paul Elias is a horticulture student from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He will be attending his final year of post-secondary in September before becoming a certified horticulturist next spring. Paul has been working in the horticulture industry for five years leading up to his arrival in Inuvik. Part of Paul's education is in horticultural therapy, so he is very excited to work with the members of the greenhouse and the public through workshops and gardening throughout the summer. He is very excited to learn about the methods used for growing produce both in a greenhouse and outside in the Canadian north and has been enjoying talking to many individuals about their methods of growing plants despite the cold. Paul looks forward to hearing stories and learning from as many individuals as possible throughout the summer, as well as experiencing the local foods and events.

*Paul arrived in Inuvik on June 1<sup>st</sup> and hit the ground running! He is working on a seed saving project and was instrumental in the success of our first Arctic Greenhouse Intern Program. Welcome Paul!*

your plants continue to grow they don't require as much water as when they were little, so don't over-water.

**Volunteering:**

Upcoming volunteer opportunities include tending to food bank plots, watering the IRC and youth home gardens, helping at the Arctic Market, collecting supplies in Whitehorse, help with events, weeding, playing music at our events, and more. Keep an eye on the [sign up page](#). Please contact Emily if you have ideas for how you'd like to volunteer your time. Thanks for your help and dedication!



**Reminders:**

Water is a precious resource, gifted to us by the Town of Inuvik. Please don't water the gravel on the walkway or plots that do not have "gardener away" signs. Some of the plots are being overwatered, and gardeners who come in during the evenings to water would like to take care of their own plots. If you are concerned that a plot is in need of tending, let me

know! Also do not leave watering cans inside the blue buckets – they should be put away.

Emily can be reached at [coordinator@inuvikgreenhouse.com](mailto:coordinator@inuvikgreenhouse.com) or in the greenhouse office, most weekdays from 9am – 6pm (or later)

Jenna Foster moved to Inuvik at the end of March and is delighted to be a part of the Greenhouse staff for the summer! Before living here, she lived in Iqaluit working at the vet clinic as a Veterinary Technician Trainee. Currently she is studying to become a Registered Vet Tech and hopes to specialize in ER trauma and Dentistry. Jenna likes composting and her most loved plant is her blueberry bush, Betty. She is also very excited to have a chance to work with chickens while at the greenhouse. Her other passions include singing, musical theater and volunteering with the local fire department as a dispatcher. She enjoys learning new things and moving to experience living in new places.

*Jenna is often the first person to greet our members and help them feel at home in the greenhouse. She is our "Jane of all trades" and working on becoming our compost expert. Welcome to the team, Jenna!*



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Barbara Dodge Borland

We still have hanging baskets and starter plants available! Come see us on Tuesday evenings at the Arctic Market, or when staff is on shift, they can usually help you! (9am – 6pm, Monday – Saturday)

