



# IN THE NEWS

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## Butterflyway Project

Bonny Lea Farm is thrilled to be a part of the Nova Scotia Butterflyway Project - one of a national network of pollinator gardens led by the David Suzuki Foundation.

When we were contacted by local community organizer, Charlene MacDonald about the initiative and asked to plant pollinator-friendly species, not only did we jump at the chance, so did many of our staff! Stay tuned for progress as we prepare and plant our new garden.

Shown here: Greenhouse crew; Bonny Lea Farm's kit; and Stacey receiving her starter kit.



## Open for Work & for Business!

Participants returned to work in our social enterprises this week. They are happy to be back and we are happy to have them! We are pleased to announce that we are ready to accept orders and payment by phone, with curbside pick up for our products, following current public health guidelines. Cash payment may be made at office at time of pick up.

### Confidential Shredding Call Alex at 902-275-5622 ext. 231

- Our confidential shredding service is accepting document deliveries by appointment only.
- Please call several days in advance to schedule your drop-off time.

### Handy Wipers Call Sara at 902-275-5622 ext. 228

- Our Handy Wipers crew have 5lb and 20lb bags of wipers ready to sell.
- They are also receiving donations of 100% cotton jersey and flannel by appointment only here at Bonny Lea Farm or any time at our donation bin located at The Park (rink parking lot) in Chester.
- Call ahead to schedule your drop-off of donations or place your Handy Wiper order.

### Greenhouse & Garden Call Evelyn at 902-275-5622 ext. 227

- We have a limited selection of our specialty vinegars and dried herbs available for sale.
- Please call to place your order.

### Kuttin' Kindlin' Crew Call Wade at 902-275-5622 ext. 237

- Please call to place your Kindling order in advance.

### Workshop We will share when we are ready!

- Participants have begun making small planters. We will have more details on these soon and let you know when and how you can purchase them.

For more, visit Our Businesses on our website at [www.bonnyleafarm.ca/businesses/](http://www.bonnyleafarm.ca/businesses/)



## The past year has not been easy.

Participants and staff take each day as it comes and try to make the best of it!

Above: Blair and Jeffrey wear red for Easter Seals Red Shirt Day; Jillian and Debbie plant planters that were bought with funds donated by many of you last year; Douglas enjoys a walk on a warm day.

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Karen Lake has been with Bonny Lea Farm for more than 20 years. She recently began her new role as Executive Director of South Shore Community Service Association / Bonny Lea Farm

## Karen Lake, An Open Door & More

You've likely heard it said that someone has "grown up in a job". Here at Bonny Lea Farm we have many employees who have been with us for more than 20 years, some for over 40!!

Since her start, fresh out of Acadia in 1989, Karen Lake has held nearly every job available at Bonny Lea Farm. We had a chance to sit down with our new Executive Director. Here is what she has to say about Bonny Lea Farm and her journey with the organization.

**What is it about Bonny Lea Farm that first drew you in and made you want to come back?**

I have had an opportunity to grow within the organization.

That experience brings an understanding of the people, the work, the challenges, the opportunities, and the importance of relationships at all levels. The alignment of values here at Bonny Lea Farm is what brings us all together.

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- Karen Lake, Executive Director

## DRIVE-THRU LOBSTER FUNDRAISER AUGUST 1

Tickets are on sale now!  
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## 30 Years At A Glance

### 1989 - Residential Counsellor

Supporting participants in developing life-skills to live as independently as possible at home and in community.

### 1991 - Academic Instructor

Developing literacy and numeracy skills through functional academics with practical applications.

### 1997 - Broadening Options Instructor

Creating strong community connections for participants through work, volunteer or social participation.

### 2004 - Day Program Coordinator

Providing a vocational program that participants enjoyed attending every day, where they were able to experience growth and were productive.

### 2006 - Executive Director Kings Meadows

Assuming responsibility for all aspects of the organization.

### 2017 - Residential Services Director

Returning to Bonny Lea Farm was an opportunity she had been waiting for.

*"Having people welcome me directly back into their lives made my heart grow. We had all gained a few pounds and a few grey hairs but the friendships were still strong. It was a very busy time to enter the organization. I now realize that it is ALWAYS a very busy time."*

### 2021 - Executive Director

*"I really liked my position as the Residential Services Director and I never wanted to even consider David leaving but when the conversation happened I knew it was an opportunity I couldn't pass up."*