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Are you up for a mammoth challenge? Royal City Nursery announces “Stupendous Sunflower Saga”



Royal City Nursery is pleased to announce the launch of its first annual growing contest; and it's an announcement of mammoth proportions! The *Stupendous Sunflower Saga* will challenge participants to grow and submit for judging the largest, complete Mammoth Russian Sunflower head.

Royal City Nursery Owner Tanya Olsen says, “You don't need any growing experience to take part in the contest and since the plants are fantastic to see, you win by trying.” The Mammoth Russian Sunflower, a favourite with flower growers looking to impress, can grow up to 10 feet tall and produce

a head of up to 20” in diameter. The flowers are not only striking, the heads produce large edible seeds.

Those willing to tackle this year's contest will register starting on April 21 during Royal City Nursery's Earth Day Birthday Celebration. Contestants will grow the sunflowers through the summer and submit their largest, complete head for judging on September 22nd, 2018. Royal City Nursery has kept the seeds off the shelf until the contest starts.

Olsen says, “We knew we wanted to have a growing contest but there are already so many for vegetables and fruit. We wanted to have something that would make the contestants proud and give the entire community something to smile about.” She went on to say, “It will be great to see these magnificent flowers growing all over our community; No hiding from your competitors unless you have a very tall fence.” One winner will take home a \$500 Royal City Nursery Gift Card and \$200 worth of seeds courtesy of contest sponsor West Coast Seeds plus and some really big bragging rights of course.

Anyone interested in participating can visit the Royal City Nursery website at www.royalcitynursery.com to download complete contest rules, a registration form and a waiver. Forms must be submitted in person at Royal City Nursery at 6838 Wellington County Rd 124 (near Kossuth Rd) in Guelph, starting April 21, 2018

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Important information

Link to website page with rules & regulations and registration form

<http://royalcitynursery.com/about-us/stupendous-sunflower-saga-contest>