



## Earth Day Grey Bruce News Nov 2022

Earth Day Grey Bruce 2022 was a resounding success. It turned out to be a beautiful day and over 600 people turned out to help us celebrate the beauty of the Earth and learn about what they can do to reduce climate change.

The event started with a Water Ceremony led by Shirley John near the mouth of the Sydenham River. About one hundred people joined Shirley to honour the life-giving waters.

Following the ceremony, a Climate Fair opened at the Farmers' market site. There were 35 booths focused on raising awareness of the issues around climate change. Some demonstrated actions that are being taken by community groups while others gave examples of individual climate actions and alternatives.

There was also a children's wildlife parade with a wonderful assortment of costumes, paper maché masks and animals, and music.

The parade was led by a stilt walker and the Durham Sauntering Band. Performances at the Fair included groups from the Owen Sound Dance Academy, OSing, and the Saugeen Sound Conspiracy among others.



**Paper Mache 'creatures' who need our help**

Finally, to close the event, local performers, Coco Love Alcorn and Drew McIvor gave a concert celebrating the Earth.

## Earth Day Grey Bruce Award

Earth Day Grey Bruce 2022 won the Owen Sound Most Promising New Event Award. The huge success of this inaugural event was widely celebrated on social media, local radio and in the regional and local press. The municipality of Owen Sound recognized the efforts of the organizing committee and through this award gave rise to an even greater awareness of the issues around climate change and the need for urgent action.



Earth Day Grey Bruce Committee accepts Award.

## Earth Day Grey Bruce 2023

Our inaugural event was such a success that we are planning a repeat in 2023. Earth Day next year falls on **Saturday April 22, 2023 - reserve the date!** The Farmers' Market will again be at the centre of the action and we are hoping to have complementary activities at the City Hall Square.



Coco Love Alcorn and Drew McIvor

The same group of planners is hard at work already, and you can count on being able to experience many of last year's most popular booths and activities as well as many new ones. The Climate Fair and the Children's Parade have both attracted the largest numbers of participants. Watch for upcoming announcements about the exciting performers who will join Earth Day in 2023.

## Emphasis on Young People

We are planning to have a new Children's Zone focussed on activities for young people and their families. A separate tent and area will be set aside for puppet shows, face painting, climate activities especially designed for young people, and children's music.



Child and friends playing outside the Farmers' Market building.

## Earth Week 2023

This year, in conjunction with the Tom Thomson Art Gallery, The Harmony Centre, and the Owen Sound Library we will be expanding our series of events. Earth Week 2023 runs from Sunday April 16th to Earth Day on the 22nd. There will be displays and activities occurring at all these locations throughout the week to build upon community support for climate action and raising awareness of the issues.



**Earth Day GB Parade crosses the 9th Street bridge**

The organizers are extremely grateful for all the assistance they received last year. A BIG THANK YOU to all of you. We couldn't have done it without you!

## Call for Help

This year with more events and bigger ambitions, we are looking for even more help. Ways that you can get involved include:

1. Volunteer to help host and organize (starting now)
2. Volunteer to help on the day or during Earth week.
3. Attend the celebration
4. Support the celebration with a financial contribution

Your efforts will be rewarded by seeing and participating in another hugely successful Earth Day event. Climate action is urgently needed and Earth Day Grey Bruce is sharing the message with a wide regional audience in Bruce and Grey Counties.



**Turtles need our help. Saving their homes helps the planet too!**

## Community Foundation Grey Bruce

We have already received our first donation for EDGB 2023! We are very grateful to the Grey Bruce Community Foundation for their Kids Can Play Grey Bruce grant towards our child-focussed activities on the day next year.



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