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What's the buzz at the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation?

Rudolf Steiner, an Austrian scientist, predicted in 1923 that in 80 to 100 years bees would disappear. “The mechanization of beekeeping and industrialization will eventually destroy beekeeping,” he said.

Knowing that education is crucial, the Environmental Task Group of the Campbellford Seymour Community Foundation (CSCF) is taking the spotlight at their May 2 Annual General Meeting and Grant Announcement Event to spread the word about bees and inspire our community to take action to protect our pollinators. Two guest speakers will share their insights and expertise at the AGM, Susan Chan, Manager of the Native Pollinator Program at Farms at Work, and Emily Rose, Vice-President of the Ontario Beekeepers’ Association and owner of Emily Rose Apiaries. CSCF is also hosting a FREE screening at 7 p.m. of Taggart Siegel’s award-winning documentary ***Queen of the Sun – What are the bees telling us?***

Queen of the Sun reveals bees are a barometer of the health of the world. Bees fly millions of miles to keep the earth in bloom and have provided humans with honey, wax and pollination for our food for over 10,000 years. The film uncovers how bees were highly revered by the Egyptians, Mayans and Greeks, but the bond between humans and bees, once a sacred partnership, is now a complicated, profit-driven, industrial enterprise.

In the fall of 2006, newspapers around the United States began to publicize an unnerving phenomenon. Honeybees were mysteriously disappearing from beehives all around the nation. Scientists are hunting for a silver bullet cure, but in the meantime, bee advocates strive to renew a culture that takes its cues from the hive. They have wisely recognized that the bees, themselves, are our guides and they have looked to the bees’ example of collaboration and community as the model for their own actions. Einstein was right: it is impossible to change any problem by using the same tools that created it.

Collaboration & Community is also the model for the actions of the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation. Executive Director Martha Murphy said: “We are excited to be funding 28 grant projects this year, totaling \$155,000, including seven Job Opportunity for Youth grants,

which provide summer jobs in the community for local students. Grants range from \$200 to \$4,000, and as a funding partner, we can assist our local organizations in the amazing work that they are doing in the community.”

Everyone is invited to attend both the Grant Announcement Event & AGM at 4 p.m. and the free screening of the documentary at 7 p.m. Both are taking place at the Aron Theatre Co-op Inc. at 54 Bridge Street East, in Campbellford. The Community Foundation is also providing an opportunity for Grade 7 & 8 classes from local elementary schools and classes from CDHS to attend screenings of the film that day.

The Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation has a positive and lasting impact on the community as a whole. At the community foundation we develop our assets for, and in co-operation with, all the charitable causes within our community. Thus, the scope of our reach is vast and varied -- arts and culture, education, youth, recreation, the environment, health, social services and community development. As of 2018 the community foundation has invested over \$3.7 million in grants to more than 56 local organizations. By giving to the Community Foundation you can help support our activities in the community.

With the coming of spring, we're reminded of our sacred relationship with honeybees that so many ancient civilizations recognized. We can give thanks in our own way by supporting nature and planting flowers, or simply putting up a solitary bee hive or a clean basin of water. Here is one link <http://www.queenofthesun.com/get-involved/10-things-you-can-do-to-help-bees/>.

Join us May 2nd at the Aron Theatre to learn more!

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