



Lakeland Flowers Announces Six Months of Flower Festivals Beginning with the Largest Tulip Festival in Canada

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(Abbotsford, BC) Lakeland Flowers announces six months of flower festivals beginning with the Abbotsford Tulip Festival. Positioned as Canada's largest tulip festival with 27 acres and over 70 tulip varieties, the flowers are set to create a dazzling display of every colour. Highlights including kilometres of walking trails, specialty varieties that have been imported from Holland, including fringe tulips and double tulips, and a legacy tulip named after Peter Warmerdam.

"Initially, our plans were to host smaller crowds to enjoy the flower fields. After hearing how the crowds wished that Abbotsford still had a tulip festival, we decided to bring it back and planted tulips, winter canola, daffodils, blooming cover crops, hydrangea, peonies, lavender, and sunflowers," says Nick Warmerdam, farmer and owner of Lakeland Flowers.

Located in the Sumas Prairie, Lakeland Flowers opened in the spring of 2021 with a smaller u-pick operation, but could not move forward the following year due to the devastating floods that occurred in November.

The team managed to overcome these challenges and planted over 100 acres – 27 acres of tulips, 20 acres of sunflowers, and 5 to 10-acre plots of various other flowers. After tulip season ends, visitors are invited back to experience the other flower festivals.

"We love seeing families and friends create memories at the farm. Visitors will be able to see the flowers from multiple angles," says Warmerdam.

"BLOOM, the original Abbotsford Tulip Festival, was a successful event that brought hundreds of thousands of people to Abbotsford to experience 10 acres of vibrant flowers. Owner and organizer, Alexis Szarek (nee Warmerdam), did an excellent job of creating and operating this festival. To have a tulip festival of this size is fantastic and we are excited to welcome the crowds back to Abbotsford," says Craig Nichols, Executive Director of Tourism Abbotsford.

The Abbotsford Tulip Festival is open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm seven days a week, starting on April 14th and ending on May 14th. Photo spots include bicycles and swings. Visitors are also



welcome to pack a picnic and, on select weekends, guests can enjoy live music nights and food truck meals.

Online tickets are available one week in advance with tiered pricing options for weekdays and weekends. It is strongly recommended that visitors purchase tickets online, to not only receive reduced pricing, but to secure a time-slot. Daily field reports will be provided on the Lakeland Flowers' website and social media channels. .

For more information, visit lakelandflowers.ca, and follow Lakeland Flowers on [Instagram](#), [Tik Tok](#), and [Facebook](#). For publication, images can be downloaded at [this link](#)..

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About Lakeland Flowers

Lakeland Flowers is located on the unceded territory of the Semá:th First Nation. Flower farming in Canada runs deeply within the Warmerdam family, beginning with Peter Warmerdam in the 1950s, his son Nick in the 1980s, and Nick's daughter Alexis in the 2010s. Nick's farming background began with field-grown cut daffodils, gladiolas, peonies, and tulips before diversifying into greenhouse-grown tulips. Over the 49 years Lakeland Flowers has operated, it has grown and sold millions of fresh cut flowers across Canada and the US. Today, the Warmerdams continue to grow and sell commercial tulips and peonies.