

Community garden sprouts on Warmland House earth

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They called it From Gravel to Greens.

Opening a community garden at Warmland House on Lewis Street was a very special community event for the many groups and volunteers who've backed the unique initiative.

They all celebrated Saturday, May 8 with a ribbon cutting and tours of the newly-minted facility, which features a greenhouse, an herb garden, plots for the community and even a special wild garden to show off the kinds of food nature provides.

Jason Greenwood, the mastermind behind the project, proudly showed off the imaginative greenhouse, which was constructed for less than \$700 and, with colleague Judy Stafford, told the crowd gathered for the event that he was delighted at the way everything had come together and how the general public had rallied behind the project.

Emcee John Milne of the Cowichan Green Community said that once the garden began to emerge from the gravel behind Warmland House, officials from the Municipality of North Cowichan began to drive by more slowly, until finally curiosity got the better of them and they discovered what was happening on the back of the lot across from the school district offices.

North Cowichan Mayor Tom Walker and Duncan Coun. Sharon Jackson said they were pleased to hear that the nearby schools have become involved in the project as well.



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Tom Walker, Sharon Jackson, Judy Stafford, Jason Greenwood and Christina Martens happily cut the ribbon to officially open garden Saturday, May 8.

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