

## 2009 City of Colwood GO LOCAL TOMATO CHALLENGE



### Tomato Varieties to Enjoy During This Year's Challenge

The Tomato Challenge appreciates the support and generosity of our local growers, Mary Alice Johnson, Candace Thompson, Fiona Hamersley Chambers and Carolyn Herriot.

**Andrew Rayhart Jumbo Red** - One of the most delicious reds. Brilliant scarlet beefsteak, 1 to 2 lbs. Very meaty and brimming with rich robust flavour. Very productive.

**Ardwynna** - HUGE red paste tomato, excellent for cooking or drying because they are low in juice and high in pulp. They are early maturing, very productive and blight resistant. These 4-5" tomatoes, weighing up to a pound each, are smooth, cylindrical and taper gradually to a point. These tomatoes were brought to Sooke by Mr. Arduino from Italy.

**Black Cherry** - Medium-sized cherry tomatoes, 1.5" across, on vigorous indeterminate plants. Prolific yields start early and continue all season long. Dark, thin-skinned, juicy, sweet and flavourful for fresh eating and salads. No cracking. No shoulders. Grows well in the garden or in the greenhouse, and also does well in containers. A beautiful tomato on a decorative plant.

**Earl of Edgecomb** - When the 6th Earl of Edgecombe died in the 1960s, the heir to the title was a tomato aficionado and rancher living in New Zealand. He traveled to England to claim the title, and took this extraordinary tomato with him. The smooth, beautiful 3-inch round, orange, mango-coloured fruits are perfectly globe-shaped, growing in clusters of two or more. Flesh is smooth, meaty and marvelous, with sweet, rich flavour, rather tropical and fruity.

**Flamme** - Beautiful salad tomato, very juicy, a good, sweet flavour with fruity overtones. About the size of a golf ball and a lovely persimmon orange colour both inside and out. Extremely productive heirloom from France. ALM's favorite new tomato of the past season.

**Galina** - A gold cherry larger than gold nugget and long keeping. Very tasty. They were the last tomatoes to succumb to the cold at ALM Farm this year.

**Matina** - Heirloom. A tried-and true red from Germany. Early fruiting with the flavour of a beefsteak. Huge plants resistant to early blight. Potato leaf, Globular red, quarter-pound fruits are borne in large clusters and free from green shoulders.

**Orange Beefsteak** - What a GORGEOUS tomato! Fiona saw it on a friend's kitchen countertop a few years ago and just had to have it! Glossy, large 2 pound fruit with a superb flavour and few seeds.

**Red Plum** - Very sweet, oval shaped, cherry-red fruit. Early maturing, very prolific - constantly producing until frost. Hard to keep your kids off them! Fruits are more of a paste than juicy type, but are still great for fresh eating as well as for cooking and drying. Indeterminate.

**Stupice** - Extra early, cold tolerant medium sized red tomato. High yielding with a wonderful, low acid taste. Indeterminate. Heirloom from Czechoslovakia.

**Tiger Tom** - Unusual, highly productive small to medium red fruit with jagged orange, green and yellow stripes. The flavour is mild, and the fruits are low in acid. Tender skin. Indeterminate.

**Yellow Pear** - Heirloom. Charming little lemon yellow pear-shaped minis. The sunny yellow fruits are borne in heavy clusters on tall vigorous vines that want to climb. Mild flavour and special eye appeal. Worth growing for their good colour and shape alone. The earliest on the vine and the last to succumb to the cold of winter.

**Yellow Perfection** - A brilliant yellow colour, incredibly productive and delicious. This potato-leaf tomato is thin-skinned and juicy. Ripens well in cool or hot weather. Needs staking. This is one of the prettiest tomatoes Fiona has ever grown, and the kids really love snacking on them whole.