



Our Brush with Royalty

Well, the Royal Visit was worth the wait. After weeks of preparation, and then hours of waiting for their arrival, HRH Charles, Prince of Wales, and Camila, Duchess of Cornwall blew through the Wellington Market like a tsunami, riding waves of enthusiasm as they made their way from booth to booth.

The Royal Couple shook hands with almost everybody they encountered, and stopped to talk shop with loads of vendors. They even took time out to chat with special visitors (many vendors brought elderly family to the event).

Our day started out around 8am with unpacking the truck and setting up in the rain. The forecast for the day was definitely not sunny. By 10:30 our market stall (complete with new display boxes and shelves) was stocked and ready for customers. We were approached by Julie Brown from CKWS television station in Kingston, to do a live on-air interview for the News at Noon. We agreed, and then worried for the next hour and a half about what we would say. In the end, it was great fun and we got a pretty good [video](#) out of the deal!

We met Jeff Leal, MPP for Peterborough, Minister of Agriculture and Minister for Small Business. We also chatted with Lou Rinaldi, our MPP. There were lots of dignitaries on site, milling around and talking to vendors. There were loads of security – I’ve never seen so many dark suits and ear-pieces at a market! There was even a patrol boat lurking off shore!

We were interviewed by Jake Edmiston of the National Post, both before and after our brush with royalty. The resulting [article](#) was a real treat for us.

After hours of anticipation, Premier Kathleen Wynne took to the stage to welcome the assembled masses. Mohawk Chief Donald Maracle moved the crowd with his inspiring words. And then the rain stopped, the sun came out, the royal motorcade arrived, and it was game on. Their Royal Highnesses strolled from booth to booth, asking vendors about their wares, tasting samples, and sharing a good-natured joke or two.

Our conversation with Prince Charles centred around our mutual experiences with heritage breeds, particularly Berkshire pigs. Our hearts nearly burst when he congratulated us on doing our part to protect rare breeds of cows, pigs and chickens. While he didn’t autograph our copy of his 1993 book “Highgrove – An Experiment in Organic Gardening and Farming”, we did chat about some of its key themes, and he quipped that he’s written some books since then, too! And then, just like that, our brush with royal fame was over, and we were left to contemplate Thyme Again Garden’s place in this wonderful world!

Upcoming Events

August 12th & 13th at Thyme Again Gardens

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HRH Charles, Prince of Wales, and Premier Wynne drop by the Thyme Again Gardens booth.



The Royals chat with Melody’s Garden, PEC Hot Sauce, and Humble Bread.

Thyme Again Gardens on Kingston CKWS News at Noon!

