



Tanya Olsen

You Fall, You Learn, You Get Back Up

What does a metal-head horticulturalist have in common with a rock climber, horticulture professor, breast cancer survivor, a business owner and a tattoo or three? How does mentorship fit in? This is the crossroad where you find Tanya.

After graduating from the University of Guelph with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, she joined her family business, full time. As the 3rd generation owner of Royal City Nursery, as a result of a MTO Expropriation of the family business property, she moved the business to its present location on Wellington

Road 124 to reopen in 2016, without missing a season. Recovering from breast cancer treatment in 2014, and the death of her father in 2015, added further challenges to the mountain.

At the garden centre, Tanya takes the opportunity to engage with clients and create their functional and aesthetic outdoor living space. When not at the garden centre, she teaches at Humber College in the Horticulture Apprenticeship program. In the community, she sits on the Board of Directors for Taste of Guelph.

From an early age, Tanya was encouraged to do and be anything she could set her mind to. She is persistent and determined in her belief that regardless of age, race or gender, anyone can do the same.

Her husband and business partner Dave, and her two furry pups, keep her grounded, enjoying rock climbing, scuba diving and other outdoor activities in their spare time.