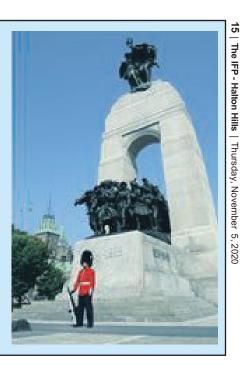
This
November 11th
take time to
remember the
sacrifice of those
who died in defence
of Canada.





who have served in our armed forces. A total of \$42,000 was donated to the Dominion Command of the Legion, according to Jo Riding, executive director of the Canadian Tulip Festival.

"It was a great success. Canadians did plant all 1.1 million tulips all across Canada, all the way up to the territories," reports Riding.

The orange tulips in the shape of a little crown to reflect Dutch royalty, bloomed across Canada - one for each of the 1.1 million Canadians who served during the Second World War.

The Canadian Tulip Festival, held each spring

in Ottawa, was established to celebrate the historic Royal gift of tulips from the Dutch to Canadians immediately following the Second World War as a symbol of international friendship.

The Festival preserves the memorable role of the Canadian troops in the liberation of the Netherlands and Europe, as well as commemorates the birth of Dutch Princess Margriet in Ottawa during World War II—the only royal personage ever born in Canada.

Canadians who planted tulips are still being encouraged to share their photos and stories.

They are posted to the Festival's Facebook page on Saturdays, answering the question "who are you planting for?". The executive director is thrilled that so many have responded with their stories and their connection to the 75th anniversary.

The fall 2020 planting of Rembrandt Blend tulip bulbs will be blooming by the start of next year's Festival that will coincide with the May 14, 2021 opening of the exhibition "Rembrandt in Amsterdam: Creativity and Competition" at the National Gallery of Canada.

The Festival executive director stated in a related press release: "We are truly fortunate that our festival is able to continue bringing colour and joy to people, especially during darker times."



