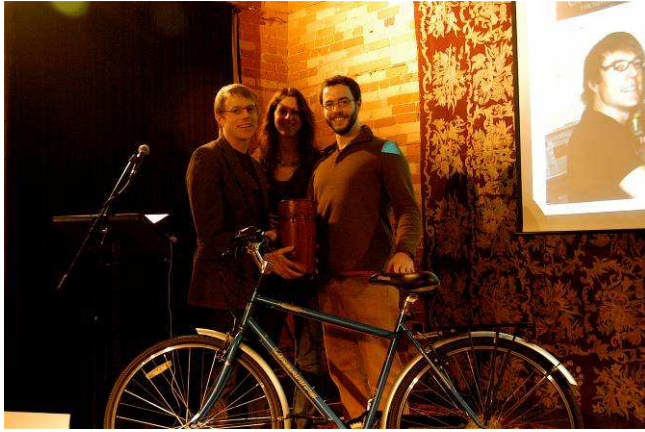




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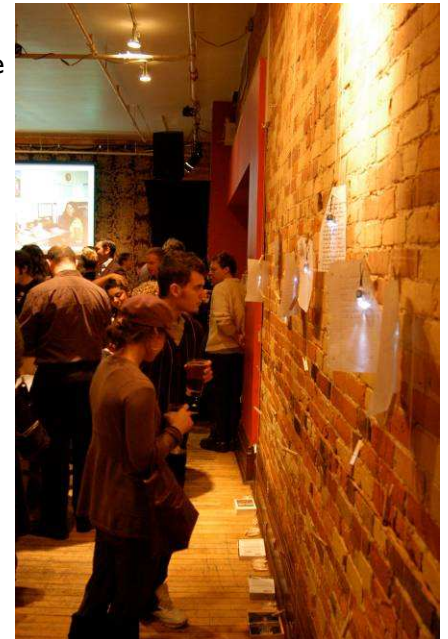
## LEAF ANNUAL CELEBRATION 2008



Despite the record breaking stormy weather on February 6th, 2008 LEAF's Annual Celebration at the Gladstone Hotel was a resounding success with over 180 people in attendance and over \$3,000 raised.

Soothing live music provided the perfect setting for attendees to network and check out over 50 silent auction items. LEAF also set up various tree themed installations throughout the room. While the native tree button making station proved to be the most popular, attendees also enjoyed writing fan letters to their favourite trees and drawing neighbourhood maps indicating their favourite trees in Toronto. Reading the letters and maps done by others also proved to be popular.

A short documentary about LEAF also premiered at the event., to much acclaim. Interviews with LEAF volunteers, LEAF board members, participants in the Backyard Tree Planting Program, Tree Tenders Program and community partners made it a valuable introduction to LEAF.



Special thanks go out to our sponsors who generously donated all of our silent auction items, especially Dale & Lessman LLP who purchased and donated our door prize—a beautiful bicycle from Urbane Cycle. Also to our documentary team Mike Sargent, Luke Sargent and Jordan Sewell, talented musician Brian, and the many volunteers who provided a great deal of assistance with everything from planning the art installations to taking tickets at the door—we couldn't have done it without you!

The money and goodwill generated from this event will enable LEAF to continue our efforts to protect and improve Toronto urban forest!.

## Species of the Month

### American Beech (*Fagus Grandifolia*)

American beech is the only species of this genus native to eastern North America, from Nova Scotia west to southern Ontario. Once extending as far west as California and it probably flourished over most of North America before the glacial period. This common slow-growing, shade-tolerant, deciduous tree grows to a height of 20-35 meters, has smooth, silvery-gray bark and may attain ages of 300 to 400 years. The leaves are dark green, simple and sparsely-toothed with small teeth. The distinctive triangular nuts are eaten by people and are an important food for wildlife including ruffed grouse, wild turkeys, raccoons, red/gray foxes, white tail deer, rabbits, squirrels, opossums, pheasants, black bears, and porcupines. For a list of [Lepidopteran caterpillars](#) feeding on American Beech visit the link. Beech is a mesophytic species. It uses twice as much water for transpiration and growth processes annually compared to some drought resistant oaks. [Beech Bark Disease](#) has become a major



## DENDRO DEVOTION

By Marc Willoughby,  
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Match the full botanical tree name with the corresponding botanical author (answers on page 4):

1. Juniperus virginiana
  2. Pinus resinosa
  3. Fraxinus quadrangulata
  4. Betula alleghaniensis
  5. Pinus banksiana
  6. Quercus velutina
  7. Acer saccharum
  8. Quercus shumardii
  9. Catalpa bignoides
  10. Prunus serotina
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- a. Aiton, W. (1731-1793), Scottish
  - b. Walter, T. (1740-1789), American
  - c. Linnaeus, C. (1707-1778), Swedish
  - d. Ehrhart, J.F. (1742-1795), Swiss
  - e. Lamarck, J.B. (1744-1829), French
  - f. Buckley, S.B. (1809-1884), American
  - g. Lambert, A.B. (1761-1842), English
  - h. Michaux, A. (1746-1802), French
  - i. Marsh, H. (1722-1801), American
  - j. Britton, N.L. (1859-1934), American

Source: Farrar, J.L., "Trees in Canada", (1995)

## Featured Web Site - Keep Your Trees Healthy

The City of Toronto, Urban Forestry Services offers an excellent fact sheet series on urban forest health care. Each fact sheet focuses on a particular tree ailment (disease, pest or other stress). They offer colour photographs that help you determine what your tree is suffering from and practical suggestions for how to treat the problem. Environmentally friendly treatments and preventative tree care methods are encouraged.

[www.toronto.ca/trees/forest\\_healthcare.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/trees/forest_healthcare.htm)

## Events

### Toronto Tree Tours

#### Jane's Walk—Green Roofs Tour

**Sunday May 4, 2008 at 11:00am—1:00pm**

MEET AT: Entrance to 401 Richmond Street West

#### Annex Tree Tour

**Saturday May 10, 2008 at 2:00pm—4:00pm**

MEET AT: Northwest corner of College & Spadina

#### Fourth East Tree Tour

**Sunday May 25, 2008 at 2:00pm—4:00pm**

MEET AT: Outside the main doors of the Woodbine subway station.

#### Colonel Samuel Smith Park Tree Tour

**Saturday May 31, 2008 at 1:00pm—3:00pm**

MEET AT: Assembly Hall at 1 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive (Kipling & Lakeshore).

#### Mount Pleasant Cemetery Tree Tour

**Saturday June 7, 2008 at 1:00pm—3:00pm**

MEET AT: Yonge Street Gates of Mount Pleasant Cemetery

#### Cedarvale Ravine Tree Tour

**Saturday June 14, 2008 at 1:00pm—3:00pm**

MEET AT: Children's Garden in Cedarvale Ravine

#### Bain Co-Operative Tree Tour

**Sunday June 15, 2008 at 2:00pm—4:00pm**

MEET AT: Northwest corner of Logan & Bain

#### Rouge Park Tree Tour

**Saturday June 21, 2008 at 10:30am—12:30pm**

MEET AT: Pierce House, 1759 Meadowvale Rd

#### Downsview Park Day Tree Tour

**Sunday July 20, 2008 at 2:00pm—4:00pm**

MEET AT: Southeast corner of Sheppard & Keele

Visit [www.treetours.to](http://www.treetours.to) or call LEAF at 416-413-9244 to register and for more information.

### The Green Living Show

April 25-27, 2008

Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto

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## Events

### High Park Volunteer Stewardship Program 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month

Meet in front of the Grenadier Cafe at 10:30 am

A series of hands-on sessions working in the greenhouse and in the park.

Sun April 20: Boulevard Beds Maintenance

Sun April 27: Native Plant Sale Preparation-Greenhouse

Wed April 30: 6:30 PM Boulevard Beds maintenance

May 4th: Native Plant Sale, Book Launch and Lorraine Johnson presentation

### South Mimico Earth Day

Saturday April 19th, 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Tom Riley Park (Islington/Dundas area)

Tree planting, bird box making for kids, Trees Ontario

workshop and more! For details 416-661-6600 ext. 5667.

### North American Native Plant Society Annual Native Plant Sale

Saturday May 10, 10am - 3pm

Markham Civic Centre, 101 Town Centre Boulevard, NW corner of Warden and Hwy 7

Purchase native wildflowers, shrubs, trees, vines, grasses, and ferns from ethical growers, and check out books, talks (including a presentation by LEAF's Todd Irvine) and many related displays. Details at [www.nanps.org](http://www.nanps.org) or call 416-631-4438

### Fourth Annual Leslieville Tree Festival and Native Plant Sale

Saturday June 7th, 12:00 pm—4:00 pm

Leslie Grove Park (corner of Queen St East and Jones Ave)

Performers, displays, food, native plant sale, children's activities and much more!

Hosted by LEAF, Councillor Paula Fletcher and Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

### Project Chirp Spring Talks

Join Project Chirp for the following talks on creating residential songbird habitat for local and migratory songbirds. Contact Christina Sharma for more info at [projectchirp@rogers.com](mailto:projectchirp@rogers.com) or 416-236-7234 .

Richmond Hill Horticultural Club: Tuesday April 1 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Durham Region Field Naturalists (Oshawa): Monday April 28, 8:00pm

Credit Valley Horticultural Society (Mississauga):

Wednesday May 14, 8:00 pm

Oak Ridges Trail Association Thursday May 15

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Mount Albert Horticultural Society: Tuesday May 20 8pm

### Answers to Dendro Devotion

1)c 2)a 3)h 4)j 5)g 6)e 7)i 8)f 9)b 10)d

## SUPPORT TORONTO'S URBAN FOREST

We rely on your support to continue our work. Donations of \$50 or more are recognized with a special set of five buttons featuring five native tree leaves drawn by a local artist. Send us the form below or donate on-line at [www.leafontario.org/donate](http://www.leafontario.org/donate)



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