

# =====THE URBAN FOREST NETWORK NEWSLETTER=====

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Events & Announcements

**When we plant trees, we plant the seeds of peace and seeds of hope. We also secure the future for our children. I call on those around the world to celebrate by planting a tree wherever you are.**

**Today we are faced with a challenge that calls for a shift in our thinking, so that humanity stops threatening its life-support system. We are called to assist the Earth to heal her wounds and in the process heal our own.**

-Dr. Wangari Maathai, the first African woman awarded the Nobel Peace Prize (2004) and founder of the Green Belt Movement that planted 30 million trees in Kenya. For more information on Dr. Maathai and the Green Belt Movement, visit [www.wangarimaathai.com](http://www.wangarimaathai.com)

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## PLEASE GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK!

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How do you feel about the Urban Forest Network and our newsletter? Are you getting the information you want about Ontario's urban forests? Do you have any ideas on how to make the Network better?

Please take a few minutes to fill out a short questionnaire about the UFN at [www.leafortoronto.org/ufn/questionnaire/2005/](http://www.leafortoronto.org/ufn/questionnaire/2005/). We appreciate any comments and feedback you can provide. We will try to incorporate your suggestions into future newsletters and programs. Thank you for helping us make the Urban Forest Network a great resource for our urban forests!

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## EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### “CULTIVATING POSITIVE CHANGE” NATURALIZED LANDSCAPE CONFERENCE

**Saturday, April 2, Hellenic Banquet Halls, Windsor, 9:30 am- 4:00 pm**

A day of discussion and insights on ecological restoration, naturalization, sustainable living and community action! \$47. Advanced registration by March 29 is required. For more information and to register, visit [www.naturalizedhabitat.org](http://www.naturalizedhabitat.org) or call 519-259-2407.

### ONTARIO ENVIRONMENT NETWORK SPRING ECO-GATHERING

**Saturday, April 2, Oakville Community Centre for Peace, Ecology and Human Rights, Oakville, 8:30 am-12:45 pm**

This year's meeting is being organized by the Ontario Environment Network Waste, Labour and Forest Caucuses. All OEN Member groups are welcome to attend. If you are not from an OEN Member group but are interested in attending, please contact the OEN for details. Free. For more details and to register, visit [www.oen.ca/events.html](http://www.oen.ca/events.html)

### BROCKVILLE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE TREE SEMINAR

**Tuesday, April 5, Brockville Museum, Brockville, 7-8 p.m.**

In an effort to educate local citizens on the importance of tree planting, effective maintenance and how to do it, the volunteer committee is offering a one-hour tree seminar featuring experts in the field. Free.

### “BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES” CONFERENCE

**Tuesday, April 5, 2005, Colony Hotel, Toronto, 8:30 am- 5 pm**

A one-day conference, presented by the Maytree Foundation and Ideas That Matter, dealing with creating strong, healthy, inclusive communities. Workshops will explore the various components of and practical tools for building these communities.\$50. Visit [www.ideasthatmatter.com/conference](http://www.ideasthatmatter.com/conference) for more information and to register.

### “WOODLOT MANAGEMENT: AN ECOLOGICAL APPROACH” COURSE

**Tuesdays – April 12 to May 17, University of Toronto, 6 pm-8:30 pm, plus Saturday Field Trip**

A lecture survey course offered by the U of T School of Continuing Studies that examines how forests function ecologically and how they can be managed in a sustained fashion following scientific principles. Topics include tree identification, tree health and care, forest ecology, old growth forests, establishment and restoration of woodlands, enhancement of wildlife habitat, forest inventory and managing for maple syrup, Christmas trees and other products. Participants learn to complete or update a managed Forest Plan under the provincial Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program, which allows a reduction in property taxes. To register, call 416-978-2400 or visit [www.learn.utoronto.ca](http://www.learn.utoronto.ca) (At website do a course search for Woodlot Management).

### OUTDOOR/ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FACILITATORS COURSE

**Sunday April 24- Monday April 25, Bear Creek Outdoor Centre, West of Ottawa, 9 am-4 pm**

This is a 2 day facilitators workshop in WILD education, a program from the Canadian Wildlife Federation for people interested in outdoor/environmental education. \$210 + GST. To find out more about the WILD education program, visit [www.wildeducation.org](http://www.wildeducation.org).

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