

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

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Events & Announcements

There are those who say that trees shade the garden too much, and interfere with the growth of the vegetables. There may be something in this: but when I go down the potato rows, the rays of the sun glancing upon my shining blade, the sweat pouring down my face, I should be grateful for shade.

-Charles Dudley Warner

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTH TORONTO GREEN COMMUNITY'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY SUMMER GARDEN FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 18, 2005, Eglinton Park, 200 Eglinton Ave West, Toronto, 1-4pm

Please join the North Toronto Green Community, an organization supported, nurtured and grown by dedicated volunteers who wanted to make a difference in their community, as they celebrate 10 great years with Childrens' Environmental Activities, Food & Drinks, Beautiful Music, Garden Tours, Ceremonial Tree Planting, and Raffles & Prizes. For more information, visit www.ntgc.ca or call 416-781-7663.

EXPLORING THE WORLD OF BUTTERFLIES ON THE RICE LAKE PLAINS

Saturday, June 18 to Sunday, June 19, 2005, Rice Lake Plains Natural Area, Alderville

Love butterflies? Join the Nature Conservancy of Canada for a rare learning opportunity set within the Rice Lake Plains' prairie and savanna, one of Ontario's rarest habitats. Work alongside local experts, learn restoration techniques, butterfly identification and monitoring skills. Enjoy an evening with artist/naturalist Rick Beaver who will present the natural history, flora, and fauna of region. NCC, Alderville First Nations and local conservation partners will use the data collected during this event for property management and stewardship. For more information, visit www.ontarionature.org/action/schedule.php or call 1-877-343-3532 ext 222.

TORONTO COMMUNITY GARDEN NETWORK'S ANNUAL PLANT GIVEAWAY

Monday, June 20, 2005, Field to Table Centre, 200 Eastern Ave, 4-6 pm

In response to a free, first come, first served distribution of annual plants (flowers, veggies and herbs) sometime that are the excess from Field To Table's own rooftop greenhouse, from the City of Toronto Parks and Recreation and from other growers. They make these plants available to the CGN for free rather than composting them. Please bring your own flats, bags, boxes, etc to take your plants home with you.

CITY SEEKS RESIDENT INPUT ON DESIGNING TORONTO'S FUTURE STREETS - PUBLIC MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 21, 2005, Fairview Library, Room A, 35 Fairview Mall Dr, Toronto, 6-9pm

Thursday, June 23, 2005, Metro Hall, Room 310, 55 John St, Toronto, 6-9pm

The City of Toronto wants to hear from residents, members of the development industry and other interested parties to get their feedback on a range of standardized designs for new residential streets and lanes. The design of new residential streets must satisfy a broad range of objectives established to improve the quality of life for all its residents and visitors and make Toronto a clean and beautiful city, including increasing the number of trees in the city. Residents can also submit their comments to the

project team through the project web site at www.toronto.ca/involved and clicking on the Designing Toronto's Future Streets icon. Residents interested in attending are encouraged to register by calling 416-392-9365. For more information, contact Louis Tinker, Public Consultation Co-ordinator at 416-392-4331 or email to dips@toronto.ca.

SPRING FOREST HEALTH SESSION

Wednesday, June 22, 2005, Agroforestry Centre, Bedell Rd, Kemptville, 9:30am – noon

Wayne Ingram, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources' Forest Health Technician for Eastern Ontario, give updates on a variety of forest insects, diseases and general forest health topics. If you plan to attend, please contact the MNR at linda.touzin@mnr.gov.on.ca or 613-258-8268.

OTTAWA RIVERKEEPER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 22, 2005, Lakeside Gardens, Atrium Room, Britannia Park, 2805 Carling Ave, Ottawa, 7:30 pm

Learn more about Ottawa's incredible river system, voice your concerns to the Riverkeeper or find out how you can get involved to help protect the Ottawa River system. There will be a feature slide presentation by renowned naturalist Dan Brunton entitled: "Significant Ecological Features of the Ottawa Watershed". Open to all members and the public. For more information, visit www.ottawariverkeeper.ca or call 613-864-7442.

"CREATE A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN THE NATURAL WAY" WORKSHOP

Wednesday, June 22, 2005, Ajax Community Centre, 75 Centennial Rd, Ajax, 7 pm

Join Toronto and Region Conservation and the Town of Ajax Environmental Advisory Committee for a native plant gardening workshop. Free. For more information, visit www.trca.on.ca/yards or call 416-661-6600 ext. 5644.

"SPREADING THE WORD – GETTING YOUR MESSAGE OUT" WORKSHOP FOR ENGOS

Thursday, June 23, 2005, 10 Peel Centre Dr, Peel Room, Brampton, 7-9 pm

The Peel Environment Network hosts this workshop for environmental NGOs. Lea Ann Mallett, from EcoSource Mississauga, will facilitate this workshop dealing with effective communications strategies for environmental groups. The workshop will include discussions around targeting your audiences, honing your key messages, building relationships with media and stakeholders, hints for great events and more! Free. Registration is required. Please register with PEN at 905-274-9974 or visit www.peelenvironment.org.

TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE CITIES: CONTAINING URBAN SPRAWL IN THE ROUGE RIVER AND DUFFINS CREEK WATERSHEDS

Friday, June 24, 2005, Pickering Nuclear, Pickering, 1:30-2:30pm

In response to community concern over the possible loss of the ecologically and culturally unique areas to urban sprawl, Dunbarton High School created the Community Links and Field Studies Program. Students surveyed the health of benthic macroinvertebrate communities in four locations on the Rouge River and Duffins Creek, investigated links to local environmental issues, and developed action plans to address issues of concern. At this public forum, students will present the results of their investigations to the Pickering community and seek advice from the community on how the program can act to ensure that these valuable lands remain as an important natural resource for the community. Please CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE by June 23, 2005 by e-mailing Will Shim at will@citizensenvironmentwatch.org.

HUMBER RIVER CANOE TOUR

Sunday, June 26, 2005, Lower Humber River, Toronto, 10 am –noon

Explore the Lower Humber River and Marshes in a 26-foot North canoe with the Toronto Bay Initiative (TBI) and noted tour guide, Madeline McDowell. Travel back to the time of the voyageurs, when the historic Humber River was the major route for trappers and traders travelling from Lake Ontario to Lake Huron. In partnership with the City of Toronto Inner City Outtripping Centre. No experience necessary. Space is limited and pre-registration is mandatory. TBI members \$15, Non-members \$25. For more information, visit www.torontobay.net or call 416-598-2277.

WILDFLOWER NAMES: MEANINGS, HISTORY AND LORE

Tuesday, June 28, 2005, High Park, Toronto, 6:45 pm

A moderately-paced walking tour organized by the High Park Community Advisory Council, the City of Toronto Parks and Recreation Division and Colborne Lodge, City of Toronto Culture Division. Tours last 1 1/2-2 hours and may go on wooded trails - so wear appropriate footwear. Meet at the benches across the road from the south side of the Grenadier Cafe and Teahouse in High Park. A \$2 donation supports this and other volunteer programs in High Park. For more information on walking tours and other volunteer programs in High Park, please call 416-392-1748 or 416-392-6916.

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