

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

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Events & Announcements

The tree which moves some to tears of joy is in the eyes of others only a green thing that stands in the way.

-William Blake

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEAF EVENTS

LESLIEVILLE TREE TOUR

Saturday, September 10, 2005, Leslie Grove Park, northwest corner of Queen St. East and Jones Ave, Toronto, 1-2:30pm

Led by certified arborist and community activist, Todd Irvine, the walking tour will begin in Leslie Grove Park and continue along nearby streets. The tour will highlight interesting features of individual trees, as well as related history and stories from the area. Tree identification tips and basic tree care suggestions will also be offered. Participants are encouraged to ask questions.

HANDS-ON TREE CARE WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 24, 2005, Leslie Grove Park, northwest corner of Queen St. East and Jones Ave, Toronto, 10am - noon

Participants will receive training from a certified arborist on proper tree care methods. Demonstrations, including corrective pruning, will be performed on trees in the park. Participants will be encouraged to help mulch and water the younger trees in the park. This is a hands-on event, so please dress appropriately (no open-toed shoes)

TREE IDENTIFICATION WALK IN WARDEN WOODS

Sunday, September 18, 2005, Warden Woods, Toronto, 10-11:30 am

Learn to recognize trees found in Toronto's parks and ravines. Join us for a fun and informative Tree Identification Walk through Warden Woods, lead by Wendy Strickland of LEAF. Rain or shine. Proper footwear and insect repellent recommended. Family friendly, but please note there are no washrooms in the park. Feel free to bring a field guide if you have one.

Meet in the Warden Woods parking lot off of Pharmacy Avenue. By car: look for the Warden Woods sign on the east side of Pharmacy about 500m north of Danforth and just north of the tennis courts. By TTC: take the subway to Victoria Park station, exit the east side of the station, walk one block to Pharmacy, turn left (north), and enter at the Warden Woods sign.

**“CARING FOR YOUR YARD THE NATURAL WAY” ORGANIC GARDENING WORKSHOP
Wednesday, September 28, 2005, Etobicoke Civic Centre, 399 The West Mall, Meeting Room 1,
7 – 9:30pm**

Learn about caring for your trees and garden without the use of chemical pesticides from Todd Irvine, ISA certified arborist, and Cheryl Sour, a natural lawn care expert. A representative from Toronto Public Health will also explain what you should know about Toronto’s new pesticide by-law. Take this opportunity to ask our experts your organic tree and lawn care questions. Plus pick up free natural yard care resources and book a tour of a naturalized yard in Etobicoke.

All LEAF events are FREE, but donations are welcomed. PRE-REGISTRATION IS SUGGESTED FOR ALL LEAF EVENTS. Please contact us at 416-413-9244 or info@leaftoronto.org

OTHER EVENTS

“IT’S ALL ABOUT HERITAGE TREES” COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, September 3, 2005, King & Yonge St, Downtown Alliston, 1pm

Come join a celebration of Alliston’s Heritage Trees. The trees were identified during a ‘Tree Hunt’ in 2004. Three of the Tree Hunt finds – a magnificent 250 year old bur oak, a 111 foot high white pine, and a street lined with 40 silver maples planted in 1860 – will be recognized during a ceremony and designated as Heritage Trees. Please contact 705-435-6896 for more details.

THE GREAT CANADIAN SHORELINE CLEANUP

September 10-18, 2005, Various locations and times

Join over 32, 000 volunteers already registered to clean up shorelines across Canada. The events contribute to the International Coastal Cleanup held every September around the world. To register a cleanup site or to volunteer, visit www.vanaqua.org/cleanup or contact 416-484-7729.

TCGN ANNUAL TORONTO COMMUNITY GARDEN TOUR

Sunday, September 11, 2005, Toronto, 12:30 – 4:30pm

The Toronto Community Garden Network hosts a tour of new and successful gardens in the city. Bus leaves from Nathan Phillips Square. \$5 or pay what you can. Pre-registration is required. For more information, visit www.foodshare.net or call 416-392-1668.

“ENVIRONMENTAL LANDSCAPES...MUCH MORE THAN LANDSCAPING” WORKSHOP

Sunday, September 11, 2005, Everdale Environmental Learning Centre, Hillsburgh, 10am – 5pm

This workshop with landscape architect Brad Peterson of Environmental Design Collaborative, will discuss the history, current practice and techniques for planning, design and installation of environmental landscapes. A permaculture design plan for Everdale’s Home Alive! landscape will be included in the design session of this course. \$85. Visit www.everdale.org/workshop_schedule.html for more information.

ORGANIC LAWN CARE WORKSHOP

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2005, Armadale Community Centre, 2401 Denison St, Markham, 7 – 9pm

Toronto and Region Conservation and partners present this organic lawn care workshop. Participants will enjoy an informative talk, practical demonstrations, displays, a chance to win related prizes and refreshments. Free. To register and for more information, please call (416) 661-6600, ext. 5338. For more information visit www.trca.on.ca/yards.

**“PREPARING YOUR GARDEN FOR WINTER – GET READY FOR NEXT SPRING NOW!”
WORKSHOP**

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2005, Grassroots, 372 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 7:30 pm

The growing season is coming to an end and it's time to start planning and preparing for next year's garden. Come learn some ecological gardening approaches, including creating new beds using the no dig sheet mulching method, fall perennial planting tips, edible landscaping ideas, fall pruning and over-wintering care for trees and shrubs, as well as organic lawn care strategies and techniques. \$10 or \$5 students/seniors/unwaged. Pre-registration required. Call 416-944-1993 or visit www.grassrootsstore.com for more information.

SOCIETY OF MUNICIPAL ARBORISTS 41ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, September 18 to Wednesday, September 21, 2005, Windsor

The Society of Municipal Arborists, an organization devoted to the promotion and improvement of professional management of municipal forests, host their 2005 annual meeting in Windsor. The conference will present information of use to professional municipal arborists and others interested in improving tree planting and maintenance practices. Seminars will discuss a variety of topics including tree planting and maintenance, tree protection bylaws, exotic tree pests, heritage trees, and the Canadian urban forest strategy. Tours will cover Windsor Carolinian trees, the world's largest tall grass urban Prairie Park & Emerald Ash Borer damage in the area. \$125 - \$380. Visit www.urban-forestry.com for more information.

NORTH TORONTO GREEN COMMUNITY'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY LOST RIVERS WALKS

Sunday, September 18 & 25, 2005, Various locations along Mud Creek, Toronto

Three walks will be lead along the Mud Creek in North Toronto. They will cover places where the former stream has been eliminated and others where water still flows through a deep valley. A great opportunity to learn more about our local history and the fascinating watershed beneath our feet. For more information, please visit: www.lostrivers.ca or contact 416-781-7663.

PUBLIC FORUMS ON CAROLINIAN CANADA HOSTED BY HEN

Monday, September 19, 2005, Tansley Woods Public Library, 1996 Itabishi Way, Burlington, 7-8:45pm

This workshop presented by the Halton Environmental Network features Paul O'Hara, the owner of Blue Oak Native Landscapes. He will discuss our local natural flora heritage as it relates to backyard gardening. Free.

Thursday, September 22, 2005, St. Andrew's United Church, 89 Mountainview Rd, Halton Hills, 7-9pm

At this workshop, participants will learn even more about the flora of Halton Region from Jeff Thompson, owner of Native Plant Source. Free.

For more information on either forum, please contact the Halton Environmental Network at (905) 849-5501 or visit www.the-hen.net.

WORKSHOP ON GROWING NATIVE WOODY PLANTS FROM SEED

Tuesday, September 20, 2005, The Arboretum, University of Guelph, Guelph, 9am – 4pm

Grow your own native trees and shrubs from seed. Characteristic seeds for the workshop will be collected while touring part of The Arboretum. Learn the techniques for cleaning, treating and sowing seeds and how to protect them as seeds and young plants. A tour of The Arboretum's native plant nursery will help you set up your own project. Advance registration is required. \$55. Contact 519-824-4120 ext. 52358 or visit www.uoguelph.ca/arboretum for more information.

**ONTARIO URBAN FOREST COUNCIL SEMINAR 'NURTURING THE URBAN FOREST'
Thursday, October 20, 2005, Black Creek Pioneer Village, 1000 Murray Ross Parkway, Toronto,
9am – 5pm**

A day-long series of seminars from professionals and community members about efforts to improve Ontario's urban forests. \$100 members, \$120 non-members, \$50 students/fixed income. Pre-registration required by September 24, 2005. For more information, visit www.oufc.org/events.

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