



Arboretum News

Spring 2016

Upcoming Events 2016

ACA
Annual General
Meeting

Aurora Town Hall
Monday, April 4

6:30 pm
Meet and Greet
7:00 pm
Meeting/Presentation

Earth Week Fair
April 20

Community Planting
May 7

Canada Day Events
July 1

Work Days in the
Arboretum & Nurseries
Mornings
Wednesday and Saturday
April to July

Annual General Meeting, April 4

The Aurora Community Arboretum's Annual General Meeting 2016, will be held at the Aurora Town Hall on April 4. The meeting will start with refreshments and informal discussions at 6:30pm. Come and see the displays and talk to current board members.

A presentation covering the projects and accomplishments of 2015 and the future plans and projects for the Arboretum will follow. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comment.

The presentation will be followed by the formal board meeting that will include election of new/additional Directors to the board. Only paid up members for 2016 are eligible to vote at the AGM.

You can renew your membership by making contact online at www.auroraarboretum.ca. We will have membership forms available at the AGM. The Annual Membership fee is \$20.

Earth Week Fair

Aurora's first Earth Week Fair event will take place on April 20 from 5 pm to 9 pm. at the Old Armoury at Town Park.. The Aurora Community Arboretum will be a participant. The Fair will provide information regarding groups and industries in Aurora that offer systems and services to reduce energy and provide other environmental services.

People-Power

The Arboretum runs on 'people-power'. And most of the people-power comes from our members. and our volunteers. Every year we have new and returning members and volunteers who work in our nurseries and the Arboretum, adding to the growing stock, keeping the records, weeding and cultivating, digging and trimming.

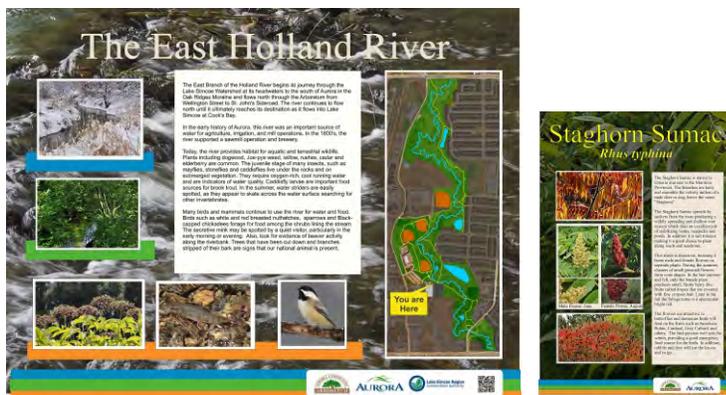
Members and volunteers (and all the Board Members are both members and volunteers) don't do all the work. Some of it requires heavy equipment, some requires specialized knowledge or skills. These things we contract out, through the Parks Department and other appropriate contractors. But without the people-power of our members and our volunteers the Arboretum wouldn't be what it is today and will be tomorrow.

Go ahead, tip your hat to yourself. You have earned it.

GETTING TO KNOW THE ARBORETUM

When we meet people out for a walk on the trails running through the Arboretum we are often asked “What is this tree or shrub?”, and part of the mandate of the Aurora Community Arboretum is to inform and educate the public. In order to address this need we began an Educational Sign initiative in 2011. This would help people understand the layout of the Arboretum and provide specific information regarding selected trees and shrubs.

While we were confident to we could supply appropriate text and photographic support, we also needed to establish some standards for the size and quality of the physical signs. We settled on three sizes of signs ranging from the largest at 3 feet by 2 feet for describing larger areas, to the smallest at 1 foot by 1.5 feet for specific trees or shrubs. After some investigation, we identified a supplier who could produce top quality signs built to last many years in our outdoor environment.



Tree Facts:

Did you know that there are over 90,000 species of trees worldwide? About 30,000 species occur in Ontario's forests. That should keep us busy for the future!

One tree can produce 2 pounds (one Kilo) of oxygen each day and sequesters 13 pounds (6 kilos) of carbon (on average) each year over its lifetime.

Trees filter particulates, carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide, lead, nitrogen dioxide and other pollutants from the air.

Plant a tree, improve our air!

..facts from Forests Ontario



Since 2011 we have placed 16 Educational Signs in the Arboretum. Many hours of effort by the Signs Working Group goes into the development of the descriptive text, generating the supporting photographs, and the design of each sign. After signs are manufactured, working group members ensure coordination of sign location and installation with Town of Aurora Parks and Recreation and the sign manufacturer.

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