



Arboretum News

Summer 2016

Upcoming Events 2016

July 1

Stop by our booth at the Canada Day celebrations in Wilson Lambert Park (part of the Arboretum)

September TBD

Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-Up

Tree Walk
(more details to come on both events)

October TBD

Bird walk
(more details to come)

Award Received

On May 30th, the Town of Aurora held the annual Community Recognition Awards and our own Irene Clement received the Environmental Award. This award is presented to an individual (or organization) that has made a significant contribution to the protection, preservation and conservation of our environment and green space in Aurora.

The environment has always been of importance to Irene and this award was well deserved. Congratulations Irene!

Community Planting

May 7th was our Annual Community Planting event. We had approximately 45 participants and planted 700 trees and shrubs. Irene Clement, Chair of the Arboretum, took the opportunity to present Bruce Buchan, CEO of CleanRiver Recycling Solutions, with a certificate thanking him and his team for taking part in the community planting for the last number of years.



The End of an Era

June 14th was a sad day for those who love big trees. The Burr Oak behind baseball diamond one was brought down by the Weller Tree Service Ltd. The oak had been in decline and the Town was concerned it posed a safety threat. It took a number of hours to complete the job using a very large crane. However, a stump of approximately 25 feet has been left behind. Our Operations Manager, John Wilson, counted the rings and announced the tree was roughly 185 years old!



Photo credit: Tom Yates

Larger Trees

This year we decided to try something a little different (for us). The majority of trees we ordered were larger than usual. This required the use of our tractor to assist in the planting and some of our stronger volunteers. This should give a more mature look to the Arboretum in a shorter period of time.

Town Clean-Up Day

The Arboretum participated in the Town Clean-Up Day on April 23. Surprisingly, there was little garbage in the Arboretum to collect this year in comparison to other years. We know a number of regular trail users collect garbage they see on their walks. Thank you! It is obviously making a big difference.



L-R: Nancee Webb, Mark Barratt, Irene Clement

At the start of the morning, it was our pleasure to provide one of our regular volunteers, Mark, with his t-shirt. Volunteers receive a shirt if they volunteer 15 hours in a season.

Did You Know?

Sambuca, a licorice flavoured Italian liqueur, is made from elderberries (*Sambucus*).



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Planting a larger tree

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