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Our mission is to preserve and enhance Milner Gardens and Woodland, to educate and inspire. All gifts to Milner Gardens help us to achieve this mission.

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Autumn has arrived with the garden starting to show off its fall colours. Our third season will be coming to a close on Sunday October 26th, thank you for your continuous support.

Milner Gardens and Woodland has been designing and planning to build a Welcome and Interpretive Centre for some time. The Centre, to be located just inside the forest, will be the important first contact with visitors and students in school programs. It will familiarize our guests with the ideals and inspirations that have gone into the creation of this magical place and will begin to tell the story of the old growth forest ecosystem.

The Centre's education/interpretive panels will feature the forest's vegetation types, the many kinds of wildlife that live in these forest communities, as well as telling the story of the conservation value of this unique forest type. The Centre will make the appropriate statement as to the significance and uniqueness of the forest and garden, and clearly establish the important connection they make between people and plants. This will set the tone for a visit to the site.

The centre will house washrooms and a new ticket sales area, replacing the existing booth, and is designed to separate pedestrians, shuttle carts and visitor automobiles. It will be universally accessible.

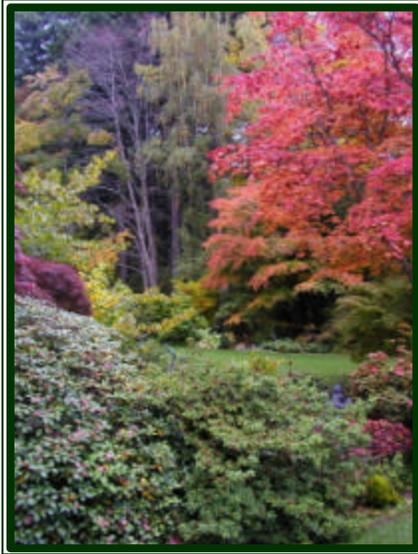
Funding for the new Welcome and

Interpretive Centre will be supported entirely by donations and in-kind gifts to the garden. The target we have set is \$250,000, inclusive of an endowment that will ensure up keep and maintenance of the completed centre. We recognize our members and volunteers as our major supporters. You are a true measure of the garden's success. We now need your further support for this important project by asking you to consider a financial contribution. Every contribution helps and is important to us.

We will be hosting a Welcome and Interpretive Centre information session on the main Lawn at the garden from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 24th. Please join us and find out more about this exciting project. Members of the fundraising team and Milner Garden staff will be on hand to answer any questions that you have about this project. Refreshments will be served. I am sure you will agree with the need for and importance of the Welcome and Interpretive Centre at Milner Gardens and Woodland.

Jim Cadwaladr
Executive Director

A WALK THROUGH THE GARDEN



The air is cooler now and filled with a sweet smell, as the leaves get ready to turn. The garden becomes even more magical as fall approaches. Autumn is my favorite time of year; with the real heat dampened it is a chance to enjoy the sunshine and start to work on things other than rushing around madly with hoses and watering cans or scrambling to keep up with fast growing lawns.

Thanks to the help of our crew of great summer students, we were able to keep the garden in good health during a very hot dry summer. We will miss them as they all head back to school for the winter.

As the plants around the garden turn on and off their fall colour between now and our end of season, come and walk the garden often to enjoy the rotating show.

Geoff Ball
Horticulturist/Supervisor

SNIPPETS

Picture this, the morning is cool and bright, there's bird song and the leaves on the trees are beginning to turn their beautiful colours of scarlet, russet, and gold. You have in one hand a coffee and in the other the Fall Plant Sale price list. You cannot believe how fantastic a selection of plants there are to choose from and you are so glad to have brought all your neighbours, friends, and family. This is definitely the event of the season!

As the weather turns cooler and wetter, it allows us gardeners a chance to review the season and look for holes in our garden beds. Now is the time to plant a few of those perennials you have had your eye on.

The Fall Plant Sale takes place in the upper parking lot October 4th and 5th from 10am to 4pm. Master Gardeners will be there to answer your gardening questions. All profits help support the running of the gardens so stop by and take home a piece of history!

Candice Coghill
Children's Education Programmer/
Nursery Grower



VIEW FROM A SUMMER STUDENT



A fundraising Campaign is now underway for the proposed Welcome and Interpretive Centre. The Current campaign totals about 20 volunteers including the entire Board of the Society. A Campaign Kit has recently been completed to help all volunteers. We are looking for additional volunteers to assist in this Campaign.

If you are interested, please call Pam at (250) 752-8573, and feel free to review the Campaign Kit at the office.

My work experience at Milner Gardens and Woodland exceeded my expectations. When I applied for the Gate House Keeper/Garden Ambassador position, I honestly had no idea what I was in store for. Currently I am enrolled in the Recreation and Tourism Degree program at Malaspina University-College and have just completed my first year. Previously, my background has been in the customer service field. The job itself was all about people, my fellow employees, the hundreds of volunteers, and of course, and the vast array of visitors. It provided me with plenty of opportunity to enhance my people skills, troubleshoot problems, and provide my opinion. As the weeks progressed, my roll grew and I was entrusted with more responsibility, like opening and closing, helping to organize the volunteers, dealing with the cash, and even conducting tours. The positions I worked in were the Gate House, the Gift Shop, and even doing dishes in the Tea Room. One of the more challenging tasks was helping plan

and facilitate special events: weddings, banquets, group functions. I helped with signage, marketing, and promotion as well, and between all that, I worked on a visitor census project. Truthfully, I can say that coming to work at Milner Gardens was not like going to work at all, the staff of Jim, Pam, Carol, Geoff, Candice, Kristi, the hundreds of volunteers, and summer students Suzanne, Lindsay, George, John, and Noriko made the work enjoyable and comfortable. I will definitely miss my time at the garden and all the people, but with a little luck, perhaps I can return next year. Thank you all.

Richard Crowley
Summer Student



SEND MORE INFORMATION

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I would like to receive
Information about:

- ? Donor Bench Program
- ? Contributing to a Capital Project
- ? Making a will bequest to Milner Gardens and Woodland
- ? Milner Gardens and Woodland Endowment Fund

Please Print

? Mr. ? Mrs. ? Ms. ? Miss ? Dr.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Prov/State: _____

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Camellia Tea Room

This wonderful summer weather on the Island has made for some great days for visitors and members to enjoy a nice relaxing cup tea on the verandah. The calm blue water and clear skies amongst the colours of the shrubs and flowers have indeed painted many lovely scenes that Veronica would have enjoyed.

We have been pleased to show a special and very interesting group of paintings of unusual Southern Hemisphere plants, which were done by Lions Bay artist Mary Comber Miles. This display of plant paintings was inspired by her trip to Tasmania and is a must to see when you are visiting the Garden. Feel free to come in to the Tea Room and have a browse before they are returned to the artist.

It is always pleasant to have a group of ladies come to the Tea Room for a social afternoon and we were



happy to welcome a group from the Red Hat Society last month. They seemed to be having a great time on the verandah and we would be pleased to accommodate other groups wishing to do the same.

We hope to be having another Christmas luncheon at the end of November this year. The date has not been officially set yet but do keep it in mind and book your table as soon as you can, as the tickets went fast last year.

As usual, we need donations of nice bone china cups and saucers, creamers and small plates. We could also use a good kitchen mixer for the Tea Room so that it would be easier for us to do our own home baking. Keep us in mind if you are clearing cupboards.

Do come join us for tea on the verandah this fall, and enjoy the view of the colours of the maples surrounding the lawn. Hope to see you soon.

Carol Hansen
Gift Shop/Tearoom Coordinator

WISH LIST

CD Player
Sandwich Plates
Kitchen Mix Master
Fancy dessert plates
Soup spoons
Teaspoons
Cream & Sugar sets

CD's Soft Music
Pint & Quart Sealers
Laminator
Bar Fridge
Scanner
Binoculars
Freezer



THE GARDENER'S COTTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS

Just 6 weeks left before the garden closes its doors to the public. Our third season has been a success and kept our volunteers very busy. With a few minor changes our special event 'An Affair of Note', was successful at raising over \$4,500 and 'Art & Photography in The Garden' raised \$2,000.00. We cannot do this without you, a big **THANK YOU** to all of our wonderful volunteers for your support from the staff at Milner Gardens and Woodland.

Each visitor and volunteer makes a difference. Milner Gardens and Woodland can use visitor numbers as well as volunteer hours to support grant applications. At the gate, please help by recording all visitors that enter the garden whether they are members or paying guests and all volunteers keep your hours up to date for us.

Our **Fall Plant Sale** is on **October 4th and 5th**, so if you are able to help please contact volunteer services at 752-7514 or e-mail

volunteer.milnergardens@shaw.ca

It is amazing that we had another beautiful evening on the front lawn for the Volunteer Pot Luck BBQ this summer with 150 people attending. What a fabulous time!

We are in the works of planning a Volunteer Bus Trip in October, just waiting to hear back from UBC Botanical Garden to finalize the details. We will mail out the information as soon as we can confirm a date. Also, if you are coming to the Wednesday morning End of Season Coffee Party on October 29, 2003, please r.s.v.p. @ 752-8573. (see below)

Those that are interested in working their same shifts next season as this year please let the office know so we can put your name on our list for the 2004 season. Thank you once again.

Pam Jonnson
Executive Assistant



END OF SEASON VOLUNTEER COFFEE PARTY

**FOR ALL MILNER GARDENS & WOODLAND
VOLUNTEERS & PARTNERS**

WEDNESDAY October 29th, 2003

10:00 – 11:30 A.M.

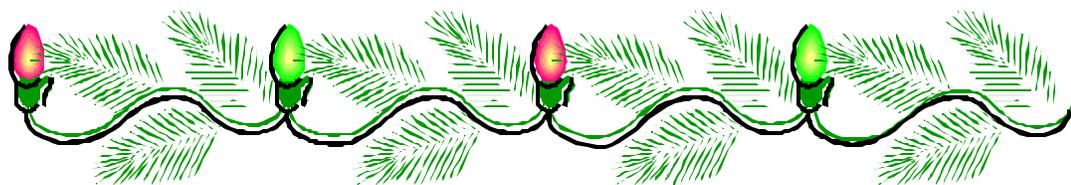
ON THE MAIN LAWN

Come out and enjoy a coffee with staff and volunteers

Park in the upper parking lot

The shuttle cart will be available for any who need a ride to the front lawn

RSVP: PAM 752-8573 BY October 24th



Do your Christmas shopping in the Garden!

Shop and save in Mid-October on discounted items

Milner Gardens and Woodland will have

A special offer exclusive to members and volunteers only at the Gift shop

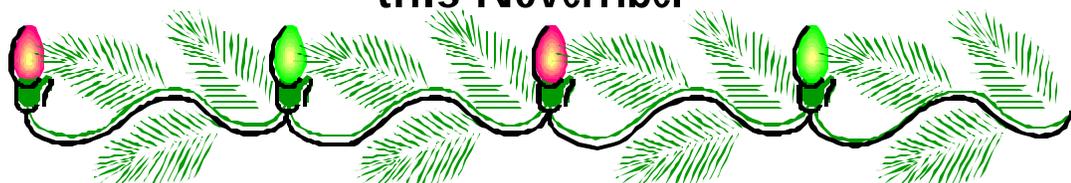
Come down to check it out

Regular member discounts do not apply

Please show your member card or volunteer nametag to receive sale prices

Also

**Watch for time and date of our
'Old Fashion Christmas Luncheon'
this November**



*The staff and volunteers of Milner
Gardens and Woodland would like to
extend our sincere
Best Wishes and Congratulations to a
wonderful couple,
Candice Coghill & Geoff Ball
on their recent marriage on
September 6, 2003.*

Fall Courses

Come Learn at Milner Gardens

Making Spring Bulb Planters

Learn all about bulbs and how to make your own planters for spring.

Date: Sat Sept 27, 1-3pm

Instructor: Rose Lynn Fleury

Regular: \$29.91+gst=\$32

Memb/Vol: \$23.36+gst=\$25

Nature Photography Workshop

The use of available light. Learn from local photographer Richard Scillery.

Date: Sun Sept 28 10am-3pm

Instructor: Richard Scillery

Regular: \$29.91+gst=\$32

Memb/Vol: \$24.30+gst=\$26

Hydrangea Wreaths

Learn how to make your own Hydrangea wreaths.

Date: Sun Oct 5, 12:30-3pm

Instructor: Jeannine Oakes

Regular: \$29.91+gst=\$32

Memb/Vol: \$23.36+gst=\$25

Fall Colour Tour of Victoria

A guided tour to enjoy fall colours at both private and public gardens in Victoria.

Date: Thurs Oct 16, 8am-5pm

Guide: Cyril Hume

Regular: \$49.53+gst=\$53

Memb/Vol: \$44.86+gst=\$48

Christmas Greens

Learn how to make your own Christmas swags and wreaths.

Date: Sat Nov 28, 12:30-3pm

Instructor: Jeannine Oakes

Regular: \$29.91+gst=\$32

Memb/Vol: \$23.36+gst=\$25

Please include payment with registration form

Cheque payable to: **Milner Gardens and Woodland**
to:

Applications in person to:

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Applications by mail (Visa/MasterCard cheque)

Pam Jonnson

Education Programs

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____
(Please print)

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Are you a member or volunteer? Yes / No

Cash ____ (in person only)

Cheque ____

Visa/MasterCard

_____ (credit card number)

____/____
(expiry date)

_____ (name on credit card)



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Special Events 2003

Fall Plant Sale October 4th & 5th

Fall is a great time of year for planting. We will be offering discounts on heritage trees, shrubs and perennials propagated on site, as well as reduced entry to the Gardens.

For information on these events or to make reservations call
(250) 752-6153

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WOODLAND'S

FALL PLANT SALE Saturday & Sunday October 4th, & 5th, 2003

10 am - 4 pm

**Reduced admission to the Gardens
for both days**



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*OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
APRIL 3^d TO OCTOBER 26th
THURSDAY TO SUNDAY
AND
STATUTORY HOLIDAY
MONDAYS
10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.*

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