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Welcome & Interpretive Centre



**DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

**Welcome and Interpretive Centre Update**

On July 28 we began to clear the location of the new Welcome and Interpretive Centre. This is the preliminary step leading to construction. Consideration of the surrounding forest, particularly the larger trees, has been a factor in placing the building onto the site.

Some trees and shrubs, however, have to be removed in order to allow us to build the center. This disturbance is being kept to a minimum, and will be just enough to allow the building and connecting paths to be developed.

This preparation work is being done as a gift to the garden by two local businesses, Lundine Backhoe Services and Rascal Trucking. Preparation of the sub-grade and installation of foundation formwork should begin in the near future.

To give you some background information, the Welcome and Interpretive Centre Fundraising Committee has been working very hard at securing funds and in-kind donations for the center. As a result we now have just enough funding to commence the construction phase of this project. The committee is continuing to look for more funds to complete and maintain the centre. They appreciate all the support and generous donations to date, and are hoping that all of our members will help with this exciting and significant development for Milner Gardens & Woodland.

Mike Herold of Herold Engineering has prepared working drawings.

Teresa Myrfield of Pacific Land Surveying Ltd. provided the surveying services. Bill Katerenchuck of Consulpro Inc. has stepped up to the plate and will be providing us with construction trades services from his group. We are still soliciting materials but most of the wood timbers for this project will be milled on site from trees that have come down as wind throw or have been taken down to eliminate a hazard. Milling of these timbers is nearing completion.

The Welcome and Interpretive Centre Fundraising Committee is planning a community event entitled "Raise the Welcome" on September 19. Please join us for this fun event.

**Summer Jazz in the Garden**

Juno Award winners Phil Dwyer and Campbell Ryga will be playing Jazz in the spectacular evening light at Milner Gardens and Woodland. The first Summer Jazz in the Garden will be on Saturday, August 28 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This will be a main stage event on the grand lawn. Chairs will be available and blankets are welcome as well. The evening light in this seaside garden creates the perfect setting for an evening concert.

Phil Dwyer will play saxophone and piano, (Phil grew up in Qualicum Beach), and Campbell Ryga on alto and soprano sax. Joining them on stage will be vocalist Judy Singh, who hails from Vancouver. Nanaimo bassist John Forrest and a drummer will round out this remarkable combo.

The tone of the evening will begin  
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# SNIPPETS - CANDICE COGHILL, NURSERY GROWER

## Pelargonium vs. Geranium

If you're not accustomed to Latin plant names you may find yourself puzzled when trying to understand what the difference is between *Pelargonium* and *Geranium* as both are called geranium when referred to by common name.

Originating from South Africa, *Pelargoniums* were discovered in the early 1600's, Geraniums having already been classified and in cultivation at that time. They were originally placed in the *Geranium* genus due to their similarly shaped seed heads and were therefore called South African geraniums. It wasn't until the late 1700's that the differences between the two genera were noted and a new genus, *Pelargonium*, was created. Old habits die hard though and for the past 400 years *Pelargoniums* have been called geraniums.

Many people within the horticulture industry are trying to change that. Nowadays, *Pelargoniums* are often referred to as pelargoniums or pellicies for short. With the rise in popularity of the true geraniums or hardy geraniums this is a welcome shift.

*Geranium* refers to a group of approximately 300 species of plants that are frost hardy to our area. They often thrive in temperate forests where the conditions are cool and moist. Milner Gardens is host to several of these plants. Most often they are used as a ground cover flowering profusely in early to late spring. The flowers of the *Geranium* has five equal-sized petals. Shearing the plant back to approx. 7.5cm (3") in mid-summer will keep the plant from getting leggy and will also give it another late bloom.

While *Geraniums* are hardy to our area, *Pelargoniums* on the other hand are frost tender and only tolerate a minimum temperature of approximately 2C. There are over 230 species of *Pelargonium* classified into 16 natural groups. The most common of these groups being zonal, regal or Martha Washington, scented-leaved, and ivy-leaved. The flowers of *Pelargonium* are characterized by 2 upper petals which are larger in size than the 3 lower petals.

*Pelargoniums* are most often used in containers and borders and while nearly all of them are perennials in the subtropics they are often treated as annuals in our climate. The range of colours, sizes of plants, and textures of leaves offer infinite uses for these plants in the garden. While the one downside is that they will not survive our winters out of doors plants can be brought inside and placed in a sunny windowsill during the winter months. They may even brighten your home with a few flowers!

Whatever your choice, hardy geranium or pelargonium, these plants make great additions to any garden.

Happy Gardening!

*Geraniums* available for sale at Milner Gardens and Woodland

*G. macrorrhizum* – Scented cranesbill

*G. ibericum* – Iberian geranium

*G. endressii* – Cranesbill

*G. sanguineum* – Bloody cranesbill

*G. x cantabrigiense* 'Cambridge' – Cambridge geranium

*G. x oxonianum* 'Phoebe Noble' – Phoebe Noble geranium

*G. clarkei* 'Kashmir White' – Kashmir white geranium



*Geranium macrorrhizum*



*Pelargonium* 'Shottesham Pet'



*Geranium endressii*



## CAMELLIA TEA ROOM NEWS

CAROL HANSEN

Well, the raspberries and plums from the food garden are stocked in the freezer awaiting our fall jam making session, crabapples will soon be ripened and hopefully we'll have some kiwis for our next year's supply. The customers have really enjoyed the taste of the home made preserves that are served with the scones. As usual, we still have need for the smaller sealers, half pints and pints particularly, so that we may be able to sell some in small quantities, should we happen to have any left over.

As well as serving our regular afternoon teas, the ladies in the Tea Room have been kept very busy this year with quite a few special luncheons for tour groups. Everything has been running quite

smoothly, thanks to a very efficient group, who manage to get everyone fed and on their way by the time we open up for our afternoon tea. This has been done in order to accommodate the tour groups that have been requesting a light lunch and allows them more time to enjoy the Garden.

As a special treat for our members only, on Tuesday August 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be serving a light lunch consisting of a ham, cheese and tomato sandwich with home-made pea soup, a square for dessert and beverage for \$9.75. Lunch will be served at 11:45 in order to have the Tea Room available for regular tea service. If you would like to attend, please reserve ahead of time by calling 752 7514.

### An Invitation from the Welcome and Interpretive Centre Fundraising Committee

You are invited to come and "Raise the Welcome...Centre that is" at the entrance of Milner Gardens and Woodland. Bring your hammer and sunhat. Join the fun and excitement as we build and raise a wall of the new Welcome and Interpretive Center. We look forward to making this a community event that will create shared memories and a sense of

stewardship of the gardens and woodland. Donations are still being gratefully received as we proceed with our campaign for the completion and ongoing maintenance of the Center. Refreshments, music, fun and laughter, be a part of this day. 11am, Sunday morning, September 19th.



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with a set by jazz trio Aaron Cadwaladr on Guitar, Kevin Hicks on drums and Peder on tenor sax. Refreshments, a no-host wine and beer bar and barbequed salmon with corn on the cob will be reasonably priced at an additional cost.

Come and join us for an incredible evening of music, food and refreshments. This is the first time that the garden has been open this way in the evening. Tickets are available at the garden for \$15 per person. Milner Garden Members can purchase tickets for \$5 (limited to one ticket per card holding member). Tickets will be pre-sold for this event. Only a limited number will be available at the gate on the day of the event. For more information or to purchase tickets by telephone call 752-8573 or 752-6153. All proceeds from this event support the continued operation of the garden.

- Jim Cadwaladr



## Summer Jazz In The Garden

### August 28th 5-8 pm

Join us for a special evening of live Jazz featuring Juno Award winners Campbell Ryga, Phil Dwyer and Judy Sing as well as other special guests. A Salmon bbq dinner as well as other refreshments will be available. Reservations recommended for the salmon bbq.

**Tickets:** \$5.00 for members, \$15.00 for non-members  
Purchase tickets in advance at the gatehouse or call 752-8573



 **Volunteer Views** 

**THE DOCENT** — JOHN ENGLAND

Volunteers will probably have noticed, from time to time, groups of visitors being led through the Woodland trail and Gardens at Milner by other volunteers (and/or staff)- generically referred to as Docents.

The term ‘docent’ is American in origin: Funk and Wagnalls Standard College Dictionary describes ‘Docent’ thus, “a teacher, lecturer, or tutor without regular faculty rank, as in some US Universities- from the latin ‘docere’ to teach. Sound a bit highfalutin? The Brits don’t even use it, the word docent does not appear in the OED! They apparently prefer the term ‘Guide’. But hold on, if you look in the Canadian Oxford Dictionary - the foremost authority on current Canadian English- we get much closer, qv.,” [usually] a voluntary guide in a museum, gallery, zoo, etc.” Bullseye!

So who are these Docents? Well, currently we are a group of approximately eight volunteers, plus three of the staff at Milner. Our plant recognition and knowledge level varies as widely as our backgrounds but we have one thing in common, a great desire to show the world through these magnificent gardens. So far this year we have taken 550

visitors through the Garden. Enthusiastic, that’s what we docents are!

Tours are usually pre-arranged by the staff. Judy sends out requests by email or telephone for docents to sign on for one or more upcoming tours. A typical tour starts at the main gate, where group tickets are purchased, introductions are made, special needs sorted out, etc. The tour members are then welcomed and organised into groups depending on the number of people in the tour group, normally about a dozen guests per docent. Then we’re off.

The tour itself lasts about 90 minutes- depending upon the interest level of the tour members, the weather, the speed of perambulation and the time of day, or they may be heading for lunch or afternoon tea- which usually quickens the pace!

Personally, I like the ‘old dears’, because they are invariably »



John England—Docent

«more interested in the social history of Milner Gardens than ‘talking’ about plants which allows for a degree of ‘historical interpretation’! What I fear most is the garden club specialist who usually knows far more than I do. But you don’t have to be a walking encyclopaedia of plant names- it just helps if you are!!

So, may we lead you down the garden path sometime?...

Docents:

Ingrid Burger, Margaret Cadwaladr, John England, Carolyn Gailey, Gerry Gailey, Phil Kennedy, Corrie de Kluyver, Shauna de Kluyver, Geoff Ball, Jim Cadwaladr & Richard Crowley ☐

**Volunteer Support Group**

Earlier this year at the suggestion of Roy Taylor, Society Chairman, the MGW Volunteer Support Group was formed. Its purpose is "To assist staff with the task of recruiting, enrolling, orienting and tracking volunteers; developing and scheduling volunteer enrichment and training activities. The objective of this volunteer group is to assist staff with the daily operation of the garden through encouragement and enrichment of volunteer involvement."

Some of the activities this group has participated in so far, are support of staff in staging Volunteer Opportunity Day, outreach to Newcomers Clubs and local Garden Clubs. A bus trip was organized in June to tour gardens on Hornby and Denman Islands. Some of the planned future activities for this season are, partnering with local Garden Clubs to hear guest speakers on gardening and related topics; a bus trip to gardens in Port Alberni and Tofino and possibly a tour of the Cowichan Valley wineries.

Cheers  
Lou Gueho

**The Tea Room Lady's**

Our “Thursday Group” of volunteers have been fortunate to have worked together since the tea room opened. We all enjoy each other and this is reflected in the service we offer to the customers. Many have mentioned how we enjoy our “work”. It is a wonderful place to work, meeting people from every walk of life and all over the world as well as enjoying their tales and adding to their experience by discussing the grounds, house and Veronica. We love it when people ask if they can sit at the table where the Queen or Prince Charles and Diana sat.. The Kitchen staff “Stella & Shirley” love doing the dishes because “The view from the sinks is spectacular.”

- Stella Brice, Chris Taylor, Shirley Cooper & Audrey Derrick.





## Volunteer Views *Continued*



### ROOTS & SHOOTS 2004

A new generation of gardeners is growing to appreciate Milner Gardens and the great outdoors. For the past two springs I have been entertained and enriched by the Roots & Shoots program. Being a mentor and working with 8-9 year olds (Grade 3 students) has been an education in child-adults, student-teacher roles. Always active and energetic the students are ready for anything. I found it a real challenge to keep up with them! The lessons included sowing

seeds, planting transplants, bugs (good/bad), birds, bees, flowers, native edible plants, and much much more. A huge amount to absorb in five short sessions. Mentoring is a very rewarding experience and the children enjoy it all. They were proud to take home a decorated pot of seeds for Father's Day and a potted herb plant on their last day. Charlene and Theresa are such fun and enthusiastic people, patiently teaching and guiding both mentors and stu-

dents. I highly recommend volunteering in the role to all able gardeners.

-Marilou Thornbury



Marilou and the kids!

### A Shift at the Gatehouse— Joan Doyle

Do you have flush toilets here? Does it cost to go in? Is it wheelchair accessible? Can I get my tea leaves read? May I take my dog for a walk in the garden? Will I need my coat down there? Can I buy lunch? Are you interested in buying my plants?

These are just some of the questions that we regularly get asked at the gatehouse. My shift is from 10:00 to 1:30 and sometimes it is very busy and exciting and other times it is quiet and peaceful, but I look forward to my Thursday morning shift every time because it is always a surprise to see how the day unfolds. The communications book, Judy's new list, and the staff person on duty all fill me in on the week's events and what to expect for the day.

With people coming from all over the world it is an exciting volunteer job to be able to greet

and chat with so many visitors. Some of them are avid gardeners, some photographers, some of them have read "the book", and all of them are curious at what we have to offer. Once they have read the information board and are convinced that it is a



worthwhile place to see, the visitors are never disappointed. My golf cart companion, Phil, and I always ask the visitors on their way out if they enjoyed their visit and we always get positive responses. We have decided that weather does not seem to have much bearing on the number of people visiting the garden and we can never predict what kind of day we have to look forward to. The

busy days usually include a few bus tours and perhaps some local groups as well. Members bring in their summer guests and many of the tourists manage to find us. We always find time to talk with the visitors, the tour group leaders, bus drivers, the delivery truck drivers, the summer students, the parents and teachers of the Roots and Shoots students and many more. I always bring lots of reading material and extra sweaters and jackets in the event that it might be a slow day. With free coffee delivery from the golf cart driver, two heaters in the gatehouse and wildlife entertainment from the deer and the birds, who could ask for a more enjoyable break in the week from one's usual routine.

As the afternoon shift arrives several volunteers stop to say hello and I now know most of their vehicles. Don't forget that if you change your

vehicle I might not know who you are. Thank you to those who always stop and wave, show your volunteer card, or say a quick 'hello' out your car window. Thank you to Audrey's car that always gives us the daily temperature.

Anyone wondering where to volunteer -- the gatehouse is a great place! It is your chance to make a big difference at Milner Gardens because first impressions mean a lot. The gatehouse person has that opportunity to make that great first impression.

And yes, we do have toilets, but no, Carol doesn't yet have time to read tea leaves.

Joan Doyle



# IN THE GARDEN

GEOFF BALL, HORTICULTURAL SUPERVISOR

It has been a hot summer, but the Garden has held up extraordinarily well. The plants are still looking lush and healthy. The summer flowers are out in full.

As you wander through the Garden at this time of the year, watch for some of our best summer flowers. Eucryphia trees (*Eucryphia x intermedia* 'Rostrevor' and *E. x nymansensis* 'Nymansay'), next to the bench on the front lawn and beside the entrance to the nursery, are almost completely covered in their white rose-like flowers. The Trumpet

vine (*Campsis radicans*) on the arbour by the gift shop looks almost tropical. The Mimosa tree (*Albizia julibrissin*), seen easily from under the awning at the gift shop, has more soft pink flowers on it than ever before. The different types of Hydrangeas (*Hydrangea aspera*, *H. macrophylla*, *H. paniculata* 'Grandiflora', and *H. quercifolia*) are showing their flowers all across the site. The Harlequin glory bower tree (*Clerodendrum trichotomum*) outside the door to the main office has its incredibly fragrant flow-

ers out right now and is a delight to smell.

Our horticulture summer students this year, Craig and Jacqueline, have had a busy summer helping us to look after the Garden. In addition to Craig and Jacqueline, we have been fortunate this year to have two participants from the Katimavik program join

us. Wes and Louis have been spending their days helping us tackle many different projects around the Garden.

Our volunteers continue to lend us incredible support in maintaining the entire site. It is because of the work of these dedicated people that the site stays looking beautiful.

Please come, visit the gardens, and see how the efforts of all of these people come together to make this place so relaxing and enjoyable to wander.



**Campsis radicans**

## SAY "I DO" AT MILNER GARDENS!

Weddings! Yes indeed we do weddings in the garden and have hosted at least seven of them over the past two seasons. We also do wedding photographs in the Garden.

Milner Gardens and Woodland is very proud to offer couples the opportunity to have their ceremony, take their photographs and even enjoy their reception in our wild and wonderful garden. What we offer is a beautiful venue in a stunning seaside estate



setting that is already decorated with what nature has provided. The garden offers ease to the wedding party who simply

need show up, walk out to the front lawn and say "I do" while their guests look out over the Georgia Straits with the islands

and coastal mountains as the backdrop. We realize most weddings are not that straightforward and we also know that wedding couples have enough to worry about which is why we feel the simplicity of weddings at Milner Gardens will be a success. We have tents, tables and chairs available, and we can recommend caterers, photographers and musicians. Call us for more information and a wedding coordinator will be happy to meet with you.

- Carmen Maclean, Volunteer/  
Richard Crowley



### Staff at Milner Gardens

**Jim Cadwaladr**  
Executive Director

**Geoff Ball**  
Horticultural Supervisor

**Judy Armstrong**  
Executive Assistant

**Candice Coghill**  
Nursery Grower

**Carol Hansen**  
Tea Room/Gift Shop  
Coordinator

**Charlene Forrest**  
Children's Program  
Facilitator

# Roots & Shoots

**Charlene Forrest**  
Children's Program Facilitator



Theresa, 16 mentors: Alice, Anne, Beryl, Dave, David, Diane, Evelyn, Gillian, Hanna, Margaret, Marilou, Marion, Mary, Olav, Pauline, Penny, and I have been sharing garden and woodland time with over 250 children. It would be difficult to not have many a great story out of an experience like this.

*Thank you Number 1:* to Al Watkins who donated envelopes and money to buy seeds for children to take home from the garden. Over the course of their visits, children completed a seed package reading exercise, painted pots, selected seeds and created their own seed package. They took home the pot, soil and seeds to teach their families what they learned. Children in the summer program have also been using the envelopes to create packages for seeds they harvest from the garden.

*Thank you Number 2:* to Outrageous Edibles and Bedibles, who complimented Al's donation with the donation of an herb plant for every child to take home. Additional plants for Roots & Shoots program use and fundraising were also donated. Many, many children and adults have walked the garden paths with smiles on their faces and these plants tucked under their arm.

*Thank you Number 3:* for one sunny day when the blend of easels, paint, children and guest-mentor Jan Graham, occurred on the much anticipated 'Grand Lawn'. We were honoured to witness this fantastic time of sharing art and song.



The next Roots & Shoots Program season is about to begin, with fall sessions on woodland and ecology topics. Anticipation and registration are already high. The lack of



funding for transportation is a constant hurdle so if anyone may be interested in sponsoring a class, it would be great to hear from you. Topic and craft ideas are always welcomed, as are guest-mentors to share a special knowledge or talent. Lower student to mentor ratios are desired for the program, but are only possible with the right numbers. If anyone is interested in joining the mentor team, please let me know.

Thank you for all the books and bits that have been donated. The curiosity tables and book shelf have been highlights for many visitors.

A wish list of items that Roots & Shoots will gladly offer a home to:

- Seeds, plants, pots, tools & wheelbarrows for small hands
- Microscopes, magnifying glasses, binoculars
- Bones & bits
- Crayons, craft supplies & ideas
- Latex paint– exterior or craft, paintbrushes or q-tips, plastic tablecloths
- Books, posters, magazines and/or subscriptions



## A Rewarding Summer Co-op!

-Heather Lindsay  
Summer Student

Doing my summer co-op here at Milner Gardens and Woodland has been a rewarding experience. I am currently enrolled in the Tourism Management program at Malaspina University College and will be returning in September to complete my degree. With this educational background, as well as having grown up in Qualicum Beach, I was particularly interested in the co-op placement here. Over the years I have watched the garden become what it is today and am proud now to have been a part of it's success, (a very small part!). Working here at the gardens has given me the opportunity to assist Richard with the events and weddings, which is an area that I am particularly interested in. I have also gained great experience in volunteer management as well as tackling many tasks with Judy. One of the main things that I have benefited from here is the wealth of knowledge that Milner Gardens really is. Each amazing staff member and valuable volunteer brings to the garden with them a

unique background and set of skills. I believe that it is this capacity of the gardens that is fueling it's success. I am lucky to have been able to learn as much as I have from the many staff and volunteers. I have been given great opportunities to use my creativity as well as practice what I have learned in University. Jim Cadwaladr's leadership as the Director, as well as the support of the other staff members, has made my work experience full of positive feedback and challenges in an encouraging work environment. The skills that I have improved and acquired while working in the gardens combined with my education will help me to begin my career in the near future with confidence. With summer nearing it's close it is hard to believe I won't be looking out this window enjoying this breathtaking view for much longer. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make my summer here so memorable, you likely haven't seen the last of me yet. ☺  
-Heather Lindsay

## Recipes Tried and True

Don't know what to do with the giant zucchini lurking in your vegetable garden? Give this tried and true recipe a try!

### Zucchini Casserole

-submitted by Amanda Drothero

- 3 medium zucchini, sliced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 8 Roma tomatoes, sliced
- Parmesan cheese, 1 cup (or more!)
- Cheddar cheese, 1 cup (or more!)
- Bread Crumbs, 1 cup
- Margarine, 2 tbsp

Layer zucchini alternately with onion, tomato, parmesan and cheddar in a casserole dish. Top with breadcrumbs rubbed in margarine. Bake 30—45 minutes at 350 F.

Milner Gardens Volunteers have shared their best recipes and they are compiled in a great book called "Recipes Tried and True", available in the gift shop for \$8.95 +gst.



## MY DAILY WALKS THROUGH MILNER GARDENS

- BETTY GALBRAITH, MEMBER

My husband passed away last December 23rd and my sons decided I should start walking as it is good for the mind and would help with the grieving. I took their word for it and my sister in law in Victoria bought me a membership to Milner Gardens. She already had one and sometimes drives up and walks with me.

For the past four months I have walked everyday at 10:00 A.M.—the birds are singing and you could hear the frogs croaking when they were in the pond. They'll be back in the fall.

I see lots of deer in the permitted area and stop to talk to them, they usu-

ally listen and then I walk on. I see rabbits, quail, raccoons and squirrels. The garden is such a wonderful, peaceful place to walk, everyday you see changes. When some flowers die, others take their place.

The fruit trees are loaded with fruit and the children's vegetable garden is now producing. There is a nice gift shop at the end of the walk where I usually have coffee. There is also a place to purchase a plant or two for your home garden. I have met a lot of very nice people and there is always something going on including weddings. It is a truly beautiful place and I look forward to this walk everyday. ☺



**FALL  
PLANT SALE**

**OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**10:00AM-4:00PM SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**Wagons, carts & wheel-  
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 OCTOBER 11th

- Milner Gardens Wish List**
- Scanner
  - Laminator
  - Seed sorting trays
  - (electric) seed germinator
  - Binoculars
  - Tea spoons
  - Mix master
  - Bone china teacup sets & side plates
  - 1/2 pint & pint size sealers
- Please call 752-8573 if you have something!!

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 Volunteer Services: 752-7514  
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[www.milnergardens.org](http://www.milnergardens.org)

### Upcoming Special Events 2004

**Summer Jazz in the Garden**

**August 28th 5:00–8:00**

A magical evening of jazz music complimented by a salmon BBQ. Only \$5.00 for members, tickets available in advance at the gate house.

**Members Luncheon**

**August 31st 11:45**

The tea room will be serving a special light lunch for members only for \$9.75. Reservations required 752-7514

**Volunteer Orientation**

**September 13th 9:30**

Come learn about the Garden's policy & procedures as well as the social history. —At the Garden's cottage. Followed by a guided Garden Tour. Call 752-8573 to book (max 30 people)

**Raise the Welcome Centre**

**September 19th 11:00**

Bring your hammer and sun hat. Join the excitement as we build and raise a wall of the Welcome & Interpretive Centre

**Fall Plant Sale**

**October 2nd & 3rd 10:00–4:00**

Fall is a great time of year for planting. We will be offering discounts on heritage trees, shrubs and perennials propagated onsite.

**Milner Christmas Magic**

**November 26th, 27th, 28th & December 3rd, 4th & 5th**

An old fashioned, family oriented festival of lights and music in the garden. Santa will be there!

## A Message from the Milner Gardens and Woodland Society

I am struck by the busy nature of the Garden and Woodlands this summer as this is the first season of being open seven days a week from Mother's Day to Labour Day. This has meant an extra load on the small permanent staff, but fortunately there has been an increase in the number of summer students to help carry the load. In addition, there continues to be a strong corps of Volunteers who give great service by helping in the many different programs at the site.

The MG&W Society was established as an advisory group to the Director and to help in the development of funds to support both operations and capital programs. The Fund Raising Committee of the Society has been working to bring to fruition the new *Welcome and Interpretive Centre* near the entrance. The Society established a separate *Welcome & Interpretive Centre Campaign Team*. Jim Cadwaladr has provided new information about

the project elsewhere in *Milner Musings*. We would be most interested in having any Friend of the Garden who has not donated to the project consider a donation to this worthy project. In addition, if you know of a business or foundation that shares our concerns for the future of Milner Gardens and Woodland, please contact our treasurer Corrie deKluyver by calling the garden's office (752-8573 or at home, 248-0169) with contact information. You may also contact campaign coordinator, Morganne Pickering (468-7988) or any of the other members of the team:

Geoff Ball, Jim Cadwaladr, Ross Fraser, Donn Gardner, Jackie Katerenchuk, David Mitchell, Ruth Seburn, John England and Roy Taylor (390-0860.)

The Fund Raising Committee of the Society has raised funds for many of the on going projects and we issue tax receipts for donations to the Milner program. The Society is a registered federal charity.

There are many ways one can contribute funds for programs at Milner, such as: *Roots and Shoots Intergenerational School Program*, sponsor support for special events, contribute gifts-in-kind for special events, help support a summer student, purchase of a bench for the garden, give a cash gift to honour someone and have them recognized in the *Book of Honours* (exhibited in the sitting room of Milner House); make provision in your will for a contribution to MG&W.

I volunteer on Wednesday mornings at the Garden to prepare tax receipts for our many donors. I would be glad to process your contribution to Milner as well as talk to you about gifts to MG&W.

I know the Society would be most pleased to have your support to preserve and enhance Milner Gardens and Woodlands, to educate and inspire our many visitors.

Roy L. Taylor, Chair, MG&W Society.

### I am interested in supporting the Welcome & Interpretive Centre Campaign

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate (circle one)  
 \$50   \$100   \$250   \$500   \$1000   other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation is made by cheque (  )   credit card (  )

Cheques payable to Milner Gardens and Woodland Society

Cash _____ (in person only) Cheque _____  Visa/Mastercard  _____ (credit card number) __/__ (expiry date) Name on Card _____
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