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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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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all,

We are busy at the garden preparing for the **Third Annual Milner Christmas Magic**. Lights are going up and soon the house will take on a magical gingerbread appearance. Staff and volunteers will continue to prepare for this popular old-fashioned Christmas event right up to the first evening on Dec. 2nd and through to Dec 20th. On behalf of the Milner staff and the Society Board I invite you to join us for the Milner Christmas Magic. Read on for times and dates of this event. Also, please consider attending the Special Christmas luncheon and please be sure to order your Christmas Wreath or Swag before December 2nd.

This fall the Marketing Committee has been preparing the second five-year marketing plan. The plan will help us make informed decisions on how to apply our marketing funds better and smarter in order to reach people who would benefit from our programs and help us thrive and grow. Over the winter we will also prepare the second five-year financial plan.

Roger Prior, Executive Director of the Malaspina Foundation has assisted with the fundraising committee this year. I would like to thank him for his guidance. As Roy Taylor has indicated in this newsletter the Phase II 2005 Campaign in support of operations has gone well this year. The Fundraising Committee continues to work tirelessly at this project. I would like to congratulate them on their success.

Thank you for your support and generous donations over this past season. Wishing you and your family all the best for the holiday season and a very happy new year.

Sincerely,

Jim Cadwaladr
Executive Director

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News from the Milner Gardens and Woodland Society

I am pleased to announce the Society has a trading account with RBC Dominion Securities to enable donations of gifts of stock for support of programs at Milner. This new avenue for giving to Milner was made possible by an anonymous gift of stock in support of our Phase II Campaign launched this summer to help stabilize the operating budgets and support the programs.

The Society is also exploring the opportunity to have the Vancouver Foundation, one of Canada's largest operating foundations, provide services for investment of our funds to maximize the potential support for funds generated by the Phase II Campaign.

The Board of the MG&W Society will discuss some changes to the benefits to our donor giving categories. We hope to have these changes completed before the end of November. One of the changes would enable donors to utilize 10% of their donations, up to a maximum of \$50.00, to provide for membership or complimentary garden passes for visitors. For example, a donation of \$400.00 would provide a complimentary household membership or five guest passes at \$7.50 each as part of the donation; a donation of \$250 would provide a complimentary individual membership or three guest passes. These changes reflect current federal government provisions for donations to registered charities.

These changes will provide new opportunities for our many donors to help keep our programs operating while at the same time giving additional benefits to our donors.

We are confident that our target Phase II 2005 Campaign of \$75,000 to help defray operating expenses will be successfully reached before the end of the year. I want to thank our many donors for their support in helping us to reach this target. Best wishes for a great holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year with good gardening!

Roy L. Taylor, Chairman

Milner Gardens and Woodlands Society



MEMBERS/VOLUNTEERS ORDER TODAY!

Prebook your order for handmade wreaths and doorswags made from fresh local greens. Wreaths are 18" wide and doorswags are 2.5' long. Both make great Christmas gifts for friends and family.

Order now and save. Wreaths are \$15.00 and doorswags are \$10.00. Orders must be received by December 2nd, 2005. Any orders received after the deadline are subject to the regular price of \$20.00 and \$15.00 respectively.

The wreaths and doorswags will be available for pick-up during the Milner Christmas Magic Event. Dec. 2-4th, Dec. 9-11th, and Dec. 16-20th.

If you have any questions or to book your order please email Candice Coghill at candice.milnergardens@shaw.ca. Orders can also be phoned in to 752-8573 or drop off your order sheet at the main office. All payments are due at time of pick up. Thank you for your continued support.

Member/Volunteer Name: _____

Phone number : _____

ORDER DEADLINE DECEMBER 2ND, 2005
PAYMENT DUE AT TIME OF PICK-UP

Item	Description	Price	Qty	Total
Wreath	w. burgundy bow	*\$15.00		
Wreath	w. red bow	*\$15.00		
Doorswag	w. burgundy bow	*\$10.00		
Doorswag	w. red bow	*\$10.00		
			Grand Total	



Milner Christmas Magic

“LIGHTS & MUSIC IN THE
GARDEN”

Milner Gardens and
Woodland
2179 West Island Highway
Qualicum Beach, B.C., Canada
V9K 1G1

Dates and Time

**December 2 to 4, 9 to 11, & 16 to 20, 2005,
5:30 PM- 8:30 PM each evening**

**Telephone # (250) 752-6153 or (250) 752-8573
Website: www.milnergardens.org**

Brighten your winter with a dazzling display of lights and live music. Come visit Milner Gardens and Woodland for a family oriented Christmas festival of lights and music.

Visitors will find decorative festive lights, holiday displays, and groups of performing musicians presenting holiday music. Santa Claus and his Elves will be on hand in the Food Garden's gazebo to greet the children. You might also watch for "the Christmas Bear" to direct you around the garden. Visit the heritage house for hot refreshments and shop at our seasonal gift shop. Fresh Cedar Bough wreathes and swags will be on sale, and the Teddy Bear Cottage is back by popular demand.

Bring the whole family to experience the magic!

We recommend you bring along a flashlight to join in the “procession of lights”.

This is a Fundraising Event. Admission by donation.

Always very popular, a special treat for our members and volunteers is the opportunity to have luncheon in the Milner House, decorated in fine festive style of the Christmas Season.

Reservations are necessary, so book early to ensure a place. If you must cancel, please do so as early as possible to so that someone else may take your place. The Gift Shop will be open for Christmas shopping.

Plan on having a light supper!
Phone 752-6153
 To reserve your seat

An Old Fashioned

Christmas Luncheon

For members, volunteers and guests
Saturday, December 10th, @ 12:30

Roasted Butternut Squash Soup
 Tortiere - Salad - Vegetables
 Delicious desserts
 Beverage
 All for \$16.00 plus gst
 Entertainment

Membership Renewal:

If you purchased or renewed you Milner Garden and Woodland membership last spring, please take a moment to renew your membership now.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Individual	\$25	Member benefits for one
Household	\$40	Member benefits for two adults and children living at the same address

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ◆ Free admission to the Gardens during regular garden hours (excluding some special events)
- ◆ Discounted registration for education courses
- ◆ 'Milner Musings' Quarterly Newsletter
- ◆ Gift Shop & Nursery – 10% discount off regularly priced merchandise and plants
- ◆ Discounted Guest Passes @ \$7.50

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION	Individual	\$25	Household	\$40
Ms. Miss Mrs. Mr. Dr. Full Name (1) _____				
Ms. Miss Mrs. Mr. Dr. Full Name (2) _____				
Address _____			City _____	
Province _____		Postal Code _____		E-mail _____
Phone (home) _____		Phone (work) _____		
Visa/Master Card/AmEx: _____ . expiry date: ____/____				
<i>Cheques: Payable to Milner Gardens and Woodland</i>				

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