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Milner Musings

Photo by Dave Graham

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

My first month as Interim Executive Director has been a busy one, filled with wrapping up this past season, holding a special fall opening, getting things organized for Milner Christmas Magic and looking ahead to next year.

On October 28th we held a special open day to allow members, volunteers and others a chance to come enjoy the fall colours. It was a terrific day with perfect weather and a great lunch served in the tea room. This opening will become an annual event, so make sure to pencil it in for the last weekend in October next year.

Along these lines, we will also open the garden a few times in the early spring to give everyone a chance to come and experience the early bulbs and Rhododendrons, make sure to see our next newsletter for more details.

Milner Christmas Magic preparations are well underway with lots of help from our incredible volunteers. We will be adding a few new items to the event this year.

We have set up a great second gift shop at the main house. As members and volunteers, you can come and check it out early. We will have it open on Thursday and Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 through November, and re-opening on each of the Milner Christmas Magic nights. The pool house gift shop will be open as well.

In the Queen's room, there will be storytellers reading children's Christmas stories each night

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As for music, we have another great line up this year. We have also moved the musicians into the main tea room to allow more people to enjoy, no more crowding into the sitting room!

With this being the last newsletter before their official retirements, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rich Johnston for all of his efforts in acquiring Milner Gardens & Woodland for Malaspina University-College and all that he has done over the last decade to help us develop them as a public garden, as well as Jim Cadwaladr for his incredible vision and dedication to opening the garden for all to enjoy.

I wish you and your families a great holiday season, and thank you all for your great support of the gardens!

*Merry Christmas,
Geoff*

Message from the Chairman

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support of our programs at MG&W. Many of us are reviewing our donations to programs in preparation of completing our contributions for the 2006 tax year. Now is a good time to support the 2006 Annual Campaign for operating funds at MG&W. This will insure that your tax receipt for 2006 will be completed, for this tax period. If you need a form to complete your donation, please pick up one at the special Christmas Magic events that take place during the first three weekends of December this year.

*Roy L. Taylor,
Chair, Milner Gardens and Woodland Society*

Shop Early in November!

The Main House Gift Shop will be open every
Thursday and Friday in November
from 1:00-4:00pm.

Great selection of gardening books, home and garden décor, kids
gardening tools, and Christmas decorations.
New stock arriving weekly.

*Stop by the tearoom on Friday afternoons
for a spot of tea.*

Please note: there will not be a golf cart available during these days.

For more information please contact Candice at 752-8573 ext. 291.

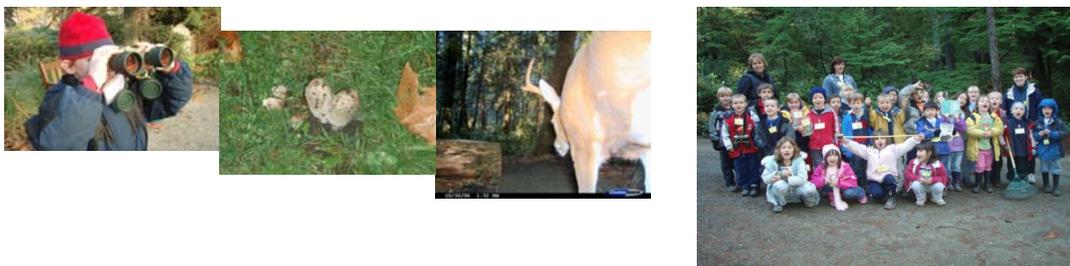
Shoots with Roots

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Charlene Forrest – Program Coordinator

There are 316 students in the multi-visit program this year, ranging from pre-school to Grade 7!

In their 1st fall visit, classes were introduced to the program and property, and were taught the “Hug-a-Tree and Survive” program by Vicki and Derek of Arrowsmith Search & Rescue. Thanks to their efforts another 300 + of our community’s families now have the tools to stay safe while they enjoy the outdoors. 12 of the 15 groups were even visited by both Gem and Spencer, the SAR dogs ☺. We are now into the 2nd fall visits and the students have begun their roles as the *Researchers* of the MGW Woodland. A recent grant from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation has enabled the program to purchase new equipment, including: field notebooks, a digital thermometer, binoculars, our own remote camera system to monitor wildlife, and a digital camera for student use. The Shoots with Roots web page is about to be filled with photos, please visit it occasionally to see the students in action-- and their skills and artful interpretations of woodland features!!



Another exciting educational opportunity has come MGW’s way. Through the commendable efforts of Ron Speller of the Wildlife Tree Stewardship (WiTS), the Public Conservation Assistance Fund has offered a grant to install a video camera above the MGW Eagles’ Nest for educational purposes. Unfortunately on the very day the camera was to be installed an eagle was eager to put on a show and let everyone know of its fall return! So installation will now have to wait until late summer/early fall of 2007 when the nest is empty again for the season.

The remaining 3 onsite visits for each of the 15 groups are scheduled between February and June 2007.

Thanks for making the gardens grow

Thanks to the many generous supporters of the Gardens, we are now close to our 2006 Campaign objectives. If you have not yet made a donation and would like a tax- deductible receipt, please complete the enclosed form before December 31. Our beautiful Welcome and Interpretive Centre is almost complete. A donation for the completion of construction and landscaping for the Centre would help with the final details of the project and ensure that your name is included on the donor recognition panels. We have just completed our partnership with the Parksville-Qualicum Community Foundation and the Vancouver Foundation whereby Milner Gardens supporters can make a donation “in perpetuity” directly to one of these Foundations.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Milner Christmas Magic show and performances.

**Corrie deKluyver,
Treasurer, Director**

ORDER DEADLINE DECEMBER 1st Member wreath & swag orders



To place your order call Candice at 250-752-8573 ext. 291 or email candice.milnergardens@shaw.ca

Member Name: _____

Phone number : _____

Item	Description	Price	Qty
Wreath	burgundy bow	*22.50	
Wreath	red bow	*22.50	
Doorswag	burgundy bow	*17.00	
Doorswag	red bow	*17.00	
(*plus taxes)			

Items can be picked up and paid for at the Pool House Gift Shop during Milner Christmas Magic. December 1-3, 8-10, 14-19 from 5:30-8:30pm or at any of the Member's Luncheons.

We would like to once again thank our corporate partners this year:



Windsor Plywood (insert Logo) for their sponsorship of the Camellia Tea Room as well as their purchase of an eight-passenger golf cart

Quality Foods for their sponsorship of the Veranda



Pharmasave for their sponsorship of the Upper Terrace Patio at the Pool House Gift Shop.



Festival of Trees

The 12th annual Festival of Trees is a celebration of Christmas held by the Malaspina University-College Foundation to support student scholarships, awards and bursaries. This year's theme, Christmas in Paris presents an enchanting backdrop to celebrate the holiday season. Lose yourself amongst the 50 professionally decorated Christmas trees and take in the great entertainment, fun and prizes.

There are plenty of opportunities to visit the Festival of Trees. Family Days on Saturday, November 25 and Saturday, December 2 include fun children activities and entertainment, pictures with Santa, refreshments and goodies, and a Christmas raffle. Public Day on Sunday November 26 and Seniors Day on Sunday, December 3 are wonderful times to browse through the beautiful Christmas trees and enjoy the great entertainment. Entry for these events is by donation. We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you and your family.

For more information please call the Malaspina University-College Foundation at 740-6258, or go to <http://www.mala.ca/foundation/festivaloftrees.asp>.

Camellia Tea Room

The Crab Apple harvest is in and just waiting to be made up into the wonderfully tasting jelly that the special tree in the Milner orchard produces. We don't expect to have a lot of jelly for sale and therefore are offering a limited supply to our members and volunteers first. If you would like to have some on hold ready for pick-up during our Christmas Magic, please call and leave a message at the number listed below.

As our Tea Room Luncheons for members, volunteers and their guests, have been so well attended, we will be having one every month and will be sending out notices by e-mail in between newsletters. If you do not have e-mail and would like to be put on a list to be notified of these luncheons by phone, please call and leave a message at 752 8573 – local 224.

Our first one after Christmas will be on Friday, January 19th with a touch of Scottish flavour. We get booked up quite quickly for these events; so don't wait too long to reserve.

We'll be offering special Christmas desserts for the Tea Room during Christmas Magic so be sure to drop by and warm up with a hot cup of tea and see the house decorated in it's finest seasoned splendour.

MILNER GARDENS AND WOODLAND SOCIETY ANNUAL DONOR CATEGORIES

ANNUAL DONOR CATEGORIES: All donors will receive recognition in the annual published donors list.

Primrose Circle	Private guided tour + one garden admission pass\$100+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Magnolia Circle	Private guided tour + two garden admission passes\$250+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Douglas-fir Circle	Private guided tour + four garden admission passes/or a one year household membership.....\$500+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rhododendron Circle	Private guided tour + four garden admission passes + invitation for two to annual donor reception at Garden.....\$1,000+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garden Benefactor	Private guided tour + six garden passes/ or a 1 year household membership + invitation for two to annual donor reception at Garden + recognition in the MGW landscape or other agreed upon project.....\$5,000+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Milner Partner	Private guided tour + six garden passes/or a 1 year household membership + invitation for two to Milner Partner's dinner at the Garden + recognition in the MGW landscape or other agreed upon project..... \$10,000+	<input type="checkbox"/>

Donor name(s): _____

Address: _____

City or Town: _____ **Province/State:** _____ **Country:** _____

Postal Code/Zip Code: _____ **Telephone:** _____ **Email:** _____

Please indicate below how you would like your name or names to be listed in the annual donors list or on commemorative plaques associated with the gift donation:

Date of donation: _____ **Amount:** _____

Please make donations payable to: **Milner Gardens and Woodland Society** cash cheque credit card

Amex/Mcard/Visa : No: _____ Name on card: _____

Type: _____ Expiry date: month _____ year _____ Signature: _____

Official tax receipts will be issued by Milner Gardens and Woodland Society under Canadian Federal Charitable # 88675 3615 RR001

Please send information about:

- Annual membership categories
 Make an entry in the Book of Honours
 Gift a stock security
 Planned giving opportunities
 Make a bequest to the Gardens

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MILNER CHRISTMAS MAGIC



Lights & Music in the Garden



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BRING YOUR FLASHLIGHT

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5:30-8:30PM



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