

ABOUT THE OUFBC BOARD & ADVISORY MEMBERS 2008-2009

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Adrina Ambrosii, MFC, PhD candidate, OUFBC Webmaster Adrina works as an urban forestry consultant and researcher for a number of stakeholders. A large component of her work focuses on school ground greening and tree inventory management planning. As an Associate of Tree Canada, Adrina has worked on a number of projects. She is the author of the [Compendium of Best Management Practices](#) for Canadian Urban Forests and she is the Project Manager for [Building International Bridges for Forest Futures](#). In addition to her work projects Adrina writes for various publications and remains an active member of the Canadian Institute of Forestry, the Ontario Urban Forest Council (Board of Directors), the Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition (Board of Directors), the International Society of Arboriculture and the World Parrot Trust. Adrina is also the President of the Faculty of Forestry Alumni Association. Adrina holds a Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing and Anthropology from Concordia University in Montreal and a Masters of Forest Conservation from the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Toronto. She is currently a PhD candidate at the Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University. Email: info@adrina.ca Visit: www.adrina.ca

Andrea Dawber Trees Davenport-Green-Here

Toni Ellis –OUFBC President 2007-2009 Toni has a long track record of working on environmental programs which include being involved in the development of the Blue box and writing and field testing a number of children's programs promoting various environmental issues. She is a founding board member and Director of the Elora Centre for Environmental Excellence, now one of Canada's most accomplished green communities. In the fall of 2005, she coordinated her community's first Heritage Tree program – an OUFBC/OHTA pilot project. That program has now branched out to become NeighbourWoods, a tree advocacy and education program working in her rural community of Centre Wellington, with a population of about 21,000 and located 20 km north of Guelph. tellis@golden.net

Bohdan Kowalyk, B.Sc.F., R.P.F. - District Forester with the Ontario Ministry Natural Resources Aurora office covering the Greater Toronto Area (Halton, Peel, York and Durham Regions as well as Toronto). Bohdan graduated from the University of Toronto in 1977 and has a background in research and consulting in addition to resource management. Through partnerships, Bohdan provides advice on forest benefits and better treatment including appropriate protection, rehabilitation and use. He promotes improved practices through environmental assessments, woodland planning, tree by-laws, tax incentives and management of the Crown lands in the District. Bohdan brings a Provincial perspective (Oak Ridges Moraine, Greenbelt, natural systems diversity) and recognizes the importance of various scales. He has led annual tree walks in Toronto's High Park. Bohdan.Kowalyk@Ontario.ca

Willem Morsink, B.Sc.F, M.Sc.F, OUFBC Past President 2008-2009, emigrated in 1958 from the Netherlands with a background in European forestry and Dutch land reclamation. He started his professional career in 1967 as lecturer and Assistant Professor of Forestry at the University of Toronto teaching Descriptive Dendrology and Urban Forestry. In 1974 he became involved in managing the urban forests of Windsor, then Toronto and finally North York where he retired in 1995. With the assistance of Norma Lundberg, PhD, and Fran Moscall M.Ed., he cobbled together the "Urban Forest Scrap book II-Urban Forests-Growing Interest and Concern". Recently he volunteered to take on the Presidency of OUFBC for 2006-2007. wagmor/look.ca

Fran Moscall B.A., M.Ed., Educator, Environmentalist. Her concerns for our environment stem from her early life in boreal forest country (Pickle Crow, Sioux Lookout) She brings her experiences from working with the Ministry of Education and the Ontario Native Affairs Secretariat to promote the preservation and enhancement of our urban forests. Fran has been a Director of the Ontario Urban Forest Council since 1999 and a Director of the South of Sheppard Preservation Group (a ratepayers' group) for 15 years. During her involvement in these organizations she has made deputations in support of Toronto's urban forestry program and tree preservation initiatives; to Committees of Adjustment to protect trees from urban development and to the Ministry of Culture when it was amending the Ontario Heritage Act, advocating for the inclusion of heritage trees as having heritage value in need of protection. Fran is Project Coordinator of the Ontario Heritage Tree Alliance which was formed by OUFBC to produce a toolkit to assist communities and municipalities in the identification and protection of heritage trees. The toolkit was published in May 2006. hegilles@rogers.com

Neeta Nathwani, OUFBC-Associate Treasurer, has a forestry degree from Lakehead University. In the past she worked for the City of Thunder Bay and City of Mississauga Urban Forestry Departments, as well she has worked for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ontario Parks as a Forester and Park Planner, Presently she specialises in Chain

of Custody Standards set by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), an Organization committed to setting standards for well managed forests.

David Pearl is a long time resident and tree advocate from Alliston, Ont. As a founding member of the New Tecumseth Arbor Committee formed back in the early 90's he was part of an initiative to plant 10,000 trees in the communities of Alliston, Beeton and Tottenham. As a tree advocate David helped save the "Sitting Duck" Bur Oak Tree in Alliston and assisted in the preservation of a White Oak in Belleville. In 2004, David co-organized the "Great Community Tree Hunt" encompassing much of South Simcoe County and is now currently involved in seeking out Heritage Trees in communities outside of the GTA. He enjoys exploring the urban forests and tree groves in southern Ontario on weekends and talking to people involved with tree issues. David has subsequently developed an interest in reporting large elms for the U of Guelph's Elm Recovery Project. He has also taken on searching the internet for bits and pieces on trees for the news section of our website www.OUFC.org dpearl@rogers.com

Jack Radecki, OUFC Executive Director, from 2000, holds a B.Sc.F. 1976 from the University of Toronto, Since 1977, he is the Supervisor of Arbor Services for the Mount Pleasant Group of Cemeteries and also is a registered Consultant ASCA # 342 with the American Society of Consulting Arborists, on a part time basis. Before 1976 he held forestry field placements with Manitoba Forestry Resources and Great Lakes Paper Company out of Thunder Bay and worked for one year with Metro Toronto Parks Department as Arborist Trainee. Presently he volunteers to serve as the unpaid OUFC-Executive Director, and was OSTC President 1997. He also volunteers as an advisory board member - Sir Sanford Fleming College in Lindsay - Arboriculture and Urban Forestry programs and as advisory board member - Seneca College - King Campus - Environmental Landscape Management program. jradec@mountpleasantgroup.com

Brenlee Robinson, vice President-OUFC previously completed a Master of Forest Conservation degree (University of Toronto), which she is combining with her Master of Arts in Teaching (Oakland University) to educate urbanites on the importance of our forests. She is currently in education and outreach at LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests). Brenlee is the author of an 8000 word article on forest history which will be published in 2008. Her work with the Harbord Village Residents Association resulted in many new trees in that neighbourhood. Her board of director's experiences includes serving as International Vice President of Mosaic Outdoor Clubs of America, an organization of 20 clubs with a 1000 member base, as well as past president of the local club. Previous work experiences cover many fields, including project management for a 1000 subject research project, and policy development for the federal civil service. Brenlee is a certified flat-water canoe instructor, and has often taken adults into the forest – and brought most of them back. <brenlee.robinson@utoronto.ca>

Jane Schmidt-OUFC Secretary Jane Schmidt is member the OUFC Board; a very active volunteer in High Park; a Co-Chair of the Volunteer Stewardship Program (VSP) to restore and maintain the rare ecosystem of the black oak savannah and the natural environment in High Park. She is part of the High Park Community Advisory Council and was recently elected to the High Park Initiatives (Friends of High Park) Board. In 2008, she was involved as the main writer of the VSP published a guidebook *The Rare Plants of the High Park Endangered Black Oak Savannah, written by her* with creativity and humour that reinforces the edifying details. Jane conducts tours of the black oak savannah restoration and natural environment areas in High Park and has written articles for the High Park newsletter. Jane also co-authored another book, an essay "The Waterways of High Park - Forward to the Past", just published in the book, *HTO: Toronto's Water from Lake Iroquois to Lost Rivers to Low-flow Toilets*, an Utopia series of books about Toronto. (a previous issue was Greentopia). The essay describes the waterways - streams, ponds, groundwater, and storm water of High Park with a scenario for the future. Inspired by the research of the water systems of High Park, Jane is initiating a Water Stewardship Program in High Park, starting with a symposium on water as infrastructure, and habitat for aquatic plants, fish and amphibians and life-source for all beings. It will include topics on storm water volume and pollution reduction, the Laurentian aquifer running under High Park, and wetland and aquatic habitat restoration.

Jane was a core volunteer for Dignity International (DI) and was instrumental in booking many musicians to fill non-stop the 12 hours (2007) and 10 hours (2008) for the annual Race for Dignity spinathon/cyclathon event which has raised 600,000 for those with HIV/AIDS in Malawi Africa as part of the innovative community-based health care. DI is headed by James Orbinsky who accepted the Nobel Peace Prize as head of Doctors Without Borders. Jane works for the Museum of Inuit Art where the majority of her duties include fundraising, promotion, curatorial assistance and tours of the museum.

Marc A. Willoughby, M.L.Arch., O.A.L.A., is Senior Landscape Architect and Certified Arborist, Cosburn Giberson Landscape Architects, Markham, Ontario. A fifth generation Ontarian, Marc has for 20 years been employed full time in inventory, assessment, appraisal, design, contract administration and certification of a wide range of medium to large scale landscape restoration, tree preservation, slope stabilization and urban forestry projects throughout southern

Ontario. Recent extra curricular activities include: Urban forestry and Green Community projects (Toronto Green Community); rear-yard ecological gardening consultations; Urban Forest Network Newsletter regular contributor (L.E.A.F.) and site consulting/ education events (San Lorenzo Latin American Community Centre), mwill@sympatico.ca

Advisory-non-voting Board members

Barb Boysen is the MNR Forest Genetics Specialist and Coordinator of the Forest Gene Conservation Association (FGCA) in Southern Ontario. Through the FGCA she promotes the value of our many native species and awareness of how to work with the genetic variation among their locally adapted populations and individuals. This complexity is under-recognized by many who work in forest management and conservation; this combined with the largely private ownership of urban and rural forests has made education an essential aspect of the FGCA program (www.fgca.net). She works with planting agencies, growers and seed collectors to promote the use of locally adapted high quality seed and manages the FGCA's *Ontario's Natural Selections* voluntary seed source certification program (www.ontariosnaturalselections.org). She has worked with the FGCA since 1993 and prior to that for the MNR in district, forest science and planning units in Brockville and Sudbury. She graduated with a degree in Forestry from Lakehead University in 1982. Barb currently lives in Peterborough with her husband, 3 children, large Norway maple and 10 young native trees, owns woodlots in Lanark and Peterborough Counties, and is active with the Ontario Woodlot Association and most recently the Peterborough Urban Forest Initiative. barb.boysen@ontario.ca

Marshall Buchanan is an organic farmer and nurseryman in Douglas, On, with a Master's of Science in forest ecology from the University of Toronto. At heart he is a freelance writer and educator. Marshall has recently drafted a citizen's guide to forest gene conservation. It teaches how we can develop pedigreed tree seed for reforestation projects. Marshall is also a Director of the Bonnechere River Watershed Project, a Managed Forest Plan Approver, former Senior Instructor & Co-ordinator of the Natural Resources Technology Program at Aurora College, Inuvik, N.W.T., a recipient of the White Pine Award (Ontario Forestry Association), a recipient of a Rouge Park Heritage Award (Rouge Park) and a recipient of a Jack Kimmel Research Grant (International Society of Arboriculture, Ontario Chapter). One of Marshall's urban forestry research projects was profiled in David Suzuki's book, Time for Change. heritagetrees@on.aibn.com

Guy R. Brassard, Ph.D., is a botanist by training, retired as Science Advisor with the Canadian Forest Service, and previously spent 20 years at Memorial University of Newfoundland, as Professor of Biology and Associate Dean of Science. He lives in Ottawa, and is also interested in urban forestry at the local level, particularly with respect to distinctive or heritage trees, and invasive plants and insects. mossyguy@cyberus.ca

Peter Dmytrasz holds a Bachelor of Science in Forestry degree (BScF), University of Toronto, 1979. Peter presently is the Supervisor of – Tree Protection & Plan Review – Etobicoke York district, Parks Forestry and Recreation Division, City of Toronto. He represents the City of Toronto on urban forest planning and protection issues for development, Community Council and homeowner tree concerns. Formerly he was the Integrated Plant Health Care specialist, recommending environmentally friendly solutions to insect pest and disease tree problems. He has written articles for various publications on Integrated Pest Management topics. Peter has addressed community groups on pesticide reduction strategies and lead tree health care demonstrations. He also “Guest-lectured” on Integrated Pest Management and Urban Forestry topics to local undergraduate, college and university students. pdmytras@city.toronto.on.ca

Barb Heidenreich has been involved in land use issues throughout her professional career in a variety of roles. This includes working as a professional planner with the Region of Durham, as an impact reviewer for the Federal Environmental Assessment Review Office, as a member of Ontario's Round Table on Environment and Economy, as Executive Director for the Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy and as a Member of the Ontario Municipal Board. As Associate Professor with Trent University and with Boston University at their field school on Vancouver Island, she taught courses on environment and economy linkages, environmental impact assessment and natural resources stewardship. Her particular areas of interest are public-private (NGO) partnerships for securing conservation lands in and around urban areas and ecological economics. She is currently Natural Heritage Coordinator for the Ontario Heritage Trust. Her academic qualifications include degrees in economic geography and regional planning: B.A. (York), M.A. (McMaster) and international business and public policy: M.I.A. (Columbia) bh@fernhill.com

Andy Kenney Ph.D., R.P.F. is a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto where he teaches courses in urban and community forestry, agroforestry, and related courses. In addition to teaching, he is currently investigating the relationship between urban design and the extent of urban forest canopies. He is particularly interested in strategic planning in urban forestry and the involvement of stakeholder groups in the management of this important natural resource. Andy worked in collaboration with Dr. Danijela Puric-Mladenovic in the development of *Neighbourwoods*, a community-based urban forest inventory and urban forestry management protocol. Andy has been active in the development of the Canadian Urban Forest Strategy and the Canadian Urban Forest Network. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Tree Canada as well as LEAF, a Toronto-based urban forestry NGO, and is a past president of the Ontario Urban Forest Council. In 2003 the Ontario Urban Forest Council presented Andy with their Conservation Award “For exemplary commitment to the conservation, preservation and enhancement of Canada's urban forests.” In that same year Andy was also awarded the International Society of Arboriculture’s (Ontario Chapter) Maple Leaf Award “In recognition and appreciation of continued leadership in research, education, and the theory and practice of arboriculture and urban forestry.” In 2004 he was awarded the Canadian Institute of Forestry’s Tree of Life Award “In recognition of notable contributions to sustainable forest resource management.” a.kenney@utoronto.ca

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Philip Vanwassenaer, B.Sc., MFC, OUFC President 2003-2005. He is an Urban Forestry Consultant, and Philip has been president of the OUFC for two consecutive years and was Past President in 2005. He led the group into the heritage tree undertaking through establishing the Ontario Heritage Tree Alliance. Previously he was involved with organizing the Canadian Urban Forestry Conference 2000, in Markham, Ontario. pwassenauer1022@rogers.com