

TREE WHISPERS FROM THE OUFC URBAN FORESTS, 2009-2

A focus on the work and activities of OUFC

Contributions by OUFC Board & Advisory members and members at large reporting on their OUFC related activities are encouraged! <wagmor@look.ca>

1. Andrea Dawber, Director of GreenHere and Trees Davenport Project joins the OUFC Executive Board of Directors

Andrea Dawber manages GreenHere (www.greenhere.ca) and the 3-year reforestation and tree stewardship project, Trees Davenport, which aim to increase green space and tree canopy coverage for less advantaged communities. She has a background in education, communications and development for the arts. Seven years ago, she began using these skills to encourage city-wide reforestation through an education and media campaign developed in collaboration with the City, urban forestry, health and environmental groups to raise awareness of the important role that trees play in maintaining human health.

Since then, Andrea has worked with local Councilors, City Urban Forestry, Urban Design, Planning and Transportation departments to green and reforest Davenport neighborhoods by creating treed boulevards and new treed raised beds when opportunities like road reconstructions arise. In addition, she has collaborated with the Tree Advocacy Planting Program, the TRCA, the Clean & Beautiful Secretariat, parks and horticulture supervisors to plant over 2000 trees in neighbourhood parks and on the city-owned portions of schoolyards.



One of GreenHere's annual tree plantings



Amanda mulching with kids

2. Adrina Bardekjian Ambrosii, member of the OUFC Board of Directors and OUFC webmaster creates the OUFC/OHTA website which is linked to the OUFC site.

Fran Moscall, Co-coordinator of OHTA aspects of OUFC, Jane Schmidt, Secretary of OUFC and Adrina Ambrosii MFC, PhD candidate, met recently to create the OHTA website design which is linked to the OUFC site. <http://www.oufc.org/ohthome.htm>

Most of the pages are "under construction" and Adrina will fill them as content is forwarded. See our OUFC website homepage and the Pine tree link.

3. Brenlee Robinson, MFC, MAT, Vice President OUFC, creates a power point presentation in regard to "trees make people feel happier" a presentation she put together and presents to community groups.

"Well Grounded: The Unexpected Benefits of Being Close to Nature". This 40-minute power-point presentation explores how we can reduce stress in our lives and our communities by altering our outdoor environments. How and why do different outdoor environments affect us differently? Included are recent findings on how much of our personal lives and our health are affected by what's outside our door or our window. You'll be astounded!

This uplifting and empowering presentation is suitable for interested laypeople, outdoor enthusiasts, environmentalists, urban planners and others.

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4. DENDRO DEVOTION

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Match the introduced tree pest or disease with the approximate location and date of arrival.

- 1) Dutch Elm Disease 2) Chestnut Blight 3) Scot's Pine Wilt 4) Sudden Oak Death
5) Gypsy Moth 6) Emerald Ash Borer 7) European Pine Shoot Moth 8) Hemlock Woolly Adelgid
9) Asian Long Horned Beetle 10) Beech Bark Disease

- a) Nova Scotia (1890) b) Boston (1868/69) c) Ohio (1930) d) Columbia, Mo. (1979)
e) Long Island (1913) f) New York City (1904) g) Oregon (1924) h) Michigan (2002)
j) Mill Valley, CA (1995) k) New York City (1996)

Answers .

- 1)c 2)f 3)d 4)j 5)b 6)h 7)e 8)g 9)k 10)a