



A project of the Eden Mills Millpond Conservation Association Inc.

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EDEN MILLS EARTH DAY HIGHLIGHTS!

Julian read the following Haida words to open Earth Day:

"We do not inherit the Earth from our parents –
we borrow it from our children."

Kit Bresnahan reports all the facts on this year's Earth Day!

Tree Planting:

- 6 large sugar and red maples were provided by the Township and planted in the Park;
- 1500 trees were provided by Green Legacy – white pine, cedar, tamarack, poplar, silver maple, black maple, walnut, Ohio buckeye and shagbark hickory!
- Of these over 1000 were planted on Saturday including at 18 homes;
- 30 were planted at Edgewood;
- 40-50 people planted trees;
- The Youth Group will plant the remaining almost 500 trees; and

Bill Allen, tree-wrangler extraordinaire, said:

"It was gratifying to see the number of people including many from the youth group digging the large holes in rather rocky soil to accommodate the large root balls. It looked like everyone was having fun pitching in to make quick work of what would have been a day long back breaking work for one or two people."

P.S. More Trees! We still have white pine, cedar and poplar trees available. Contact Kit if you would like one: 519-856-1188, emmpca@sentex.net.

Garbage Clean-Up

Several people cleaned up garbage around the Village. Hurrah!

Pot-luck Lunch

Over 50 people attended the pot-luck lunch. This year we used the Fraresso's wood pellet bar-b-que, as well as a gas-powered bar-b-que. Next year the optimistic planners have their eyes on adding a solar cooker to the mix! Many thanks to Heather Nagel for her help with the lunch!



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Workshops

The afternoon workshops attracted about 80 people.

- Kit tells us that his 87-year-old aunt, a painter, loved the pottery workshop.
- Others raved about sketching.
- The digital photography workshop participants had so many questions about how to use their cameras and picture taking techniques that they didn't even leave the park this year- Last year they got to Edgewood.
- Shelagh and Makeala of the Youth Group lead a great kids' art workshop.
- A garden was launched at Camp Edgewood in partnership with the Headwaters high school program. Luc had everybody digging!
- Earth-friendly cleaning products, canoeing, kite-making, bicycle safety, bio-diversity hike – all were excellent.

Next year Kit is thinking of adding a “yoga-in-nature” workshop, and of expanding the bicycle workshop to include repairs and maintenance. And next year the canoeing workshop will expand to include both beginner and experienced levels.

A round of applause to:

The Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral Youth Group!
Kit Bresnahan and Bill Allen!
Township of Guelph-Eramosa!
Wellington Green Legacy and the indefatigable Rob Johnson!
All the workshop leaders!
Barb Marshall and Joe Paller, who parked the trees in their driveway!
All the Villagers who came to help and play!

Oh, and we almost forgot – to honour the GREAT BIG TREES!

These trees were measured 1/2 meter from the ground:

Black Willow	586.7 cm	Travis Clifford
Eastern Cottonwood	460 cm	Linda Hendry and Les Zawadzki
White Ash	340 cm	Kit and Pam Bresnahan
Sugar Maple	326 cm	Linda H. and Les Z.
Black Walnut	296 cm	Jenny Kitson
Eastern Hemlock	264 cm	Linda and Les
White Pine	250 cm	Ruth and Tom Bowes
Eastern White Cedar	225 cm	Linda and Les
American Beech	224 cm	Linda and Les
Birch	224 cm	Linda and Les (yet again! Such tree-nurturers!)

The following species were measured outside the immediate hamlet of Eden Mills.

White Ash	124 cm	Tom and Barb Parker
Sugar Maple	108 cm	Tom and Barb Parker



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Exciting Upcoming Events!

- **Singer/songwriter Jude Vadela**

For the benefit of the Eden Mills Community Hall and its new roof!

Saturday, April 25, 8 pm

\$20/tickets at the door

or available from Kit Bresnahan 518-856-1188, emmpca@sentex.net

Children under 12 free!

- **“What makes the kind of community we would like to live in?”**

An Informal Conversation Café

Thursday, May 7, 2009 7 pm

- **Youth Group**

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, May 6 and May 20

7-9 pm at the Community Hall

Kit's Thoughts on Earth Day

We are on a spaceship called Sunship Earth. Right now we, along with all the earth and all its other passengers, are moving rapidly through space. We are simultaneously spinning with the planet on its axis, in a spiral galaxy around a medium-sized sun. We are actually travelling at over 100,000 km/hr and are lucky to be standing.

This planet we call Earth, along with all its life forms, is attached to one source of life giving energy. Sunlight is the fuel of all life on Earth. It powers our Sunship!

We are passengers for a relatively short time. We have not been very good passengers. We can be, no longer, just passengers! We all must become crew and look after our Sunship Earth!

Here in Eden Mills we are starting to do that. Thanks for becoming great crew people of Eden Mills!