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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

**\*\*\*\*\*FRIDAY, JUNE 18\*\*\*\*\***

**You are invited to a “Walk-In” movie night!**

## **Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai**

**Glenn and Libby Little invite you to join them  
in their front yard at 16 Edgewood  
*Rain date: Saturday, June 19***

**7 pm – Game of Manhunt for Children of All Ages  
8 pm – Gather to set up lawn chairs and nibble on snacks  
Dusk -- The movie begins**

**Taking Root** is an award-winning film about Kenya's Green Belt Movement and its founder, Wangari Maathai, the first environmentalist and the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

“The film exceeds even my high hopes. [Taking Root] is much more than a moving tribute to Wangari Maathai, although it certainly is that. It captures the transformative potential of “regular people” finding their voices. It proves that courage is contagious. It directly contradicts the current negative, disempowering images of Africa. It is about the deep change I know is essential to save our planet and is possible because I’ve had the profound privilege of seeing it. Now I am overjoyed because through this film millions more can see what I see. It will inspire untold, endless acts of courage.” Frances Moore Lappé

**Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends** - they don't have to live in the village. The film is rated PG and may not be of interest to very young children but bring them along for snacks and games before the film.

### **What to bring:**

- your friends and neighbours
- lawn chairs or blankets to sit on
- a jacket or sweater as the evenings can get cool
- bug repellent should mosquitoes wander into our yard (they're generally not allowed)
- contributions of snacks or drinks for everyone to enjoy are welcome and appreciated.

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## ***Earth Day in Eden Mills – 2010!***

### **1500 New Trees Planted In Spite of Shivering Conditions**

Donning mittens and tuques against the wind and snow, yes, snow, youth group members and residents installed 1500 young trees in cosy protective cones of mulch around the village and on neighbouring farms. The Eden Mills Youth Group thanks the residents of Eden Mills for joining them in celebrating this unforgettable Earth Day on April 17<sup>th</sup>. **Our tree-planting total over the past three years is 5258 trees.** Congratulations to all.

The potluck lunch on Earth Day was delicious! Those who attended the free workshops learned a lot from our wonderful volunteer leaders who shared their passions on a very cool afternoon. The Millpond Conservation Association cheerfully raised the level of the water for the day's *invigorating* paddle, intrepid gardeners prepared the soil for the community garden, birders caught birdcall whenever the sun popped out for a brief look, and bikers prepared for a long summer of two-wheeled travel. Brand-new kites flapped on York Street, yoga inspired deep breathing, kids played games and orienteers were finding their way all around the Village. Whether you were sketching or raising your digital camera sights, growing vegetables or learning new ways to cook, it was a great day for new experiences.

Special appreciation, as always, to Kit Bresnahan and the Youth Group who make sure we plant trees properly and create great workshops, Bill Allen who marshals the legions of trees, and Barb Marshall and Joe Paller who babysit them in their driveway. And, of course, Wellington Green Legacy and Rob Johnson make it all easy! Thank you!

Please mark Saturday, **April 16<sup>th</sup> 2011**, on your calendar for our fourth Eden Mills Earth Day Celebration! Dare we suggest that the temperature might be a few degrees higher? Or would that be carbon neutral anathema?

#### **Upcoming Youth Group meetings dates are:**

Sunday, May 16, Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Zehrs Tapes:** A reminder to please save your Zehr's tapes and give them to one of the following Youth Group members, Jordan Little, George Kennedy, Liz Nagel, Lyon Lay, Katie Wyman, Robin or Kit Bresnahan. Thanks! With the tapes, we raise money for the Community Club.

#### **Hot off the Press -- Special Going Carbon Neutral PS:**

**John and Daria Liss have installed an impressive array of solar electric panels on the roof of their already passive-solar house on Ash Street. Congratulations on producing serious energy from the sun!!**

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