



A project of the Eden Mills Millpond Conservation Association Inc.

**Newsletter # 17**  
**April 8, 2009**

***SPRING IS HERE!***

**GOING CARBON NEUTRAL GETS ENGINEERING CREDIT!!**

The Ontario Engineering Competition 2009 took place at the University of Guelph in February. The competition's theme was Sustainable Innovation. They had implemented several sustainable approaches to the competition including a carbon footprint of the event. Initially they were looking into purchasing carbon credits to offset their emissions. However, their executive was uncomfortable giving away money to a company that is likely profiting from its emissions. As a result they decided that their money would be better spent supporting the Eden Mills Project and helping with our going carbon neutral project. We have just received a \$500 donation from the Competition! For information on their approach to sustainability, please visit: <http://www.oec-cio2009.ca/sustainable.html>

**Earth Day 2009**  
**Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**9 am to 4 pm**

**Hosted by the Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral Youth Group!**

**Remember last year's wonderful spring day of activities – Join in again!**

**Schedule**

- Morning:**      **9 am at the Park**  
Tree pick-up and planting  
Garbage pick up  
You can still order trees from Bill Allen [bill.allen@wragroup.ca](mailto:bill.allen@wragroup.ca)
  
- Lunch:**        **12 noon at the Park**  
Pot luck -- Veggie burgers and dogs supplied.  
Please bring a pot luck contribution or a meat entrée if you wish.
  
- Afternoon:**   **Wonderful Workshops** – Register with Kit as soon as possible.  
**See form below for details.**  
Final times/locations to be confirmed.



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Kite-making, pottery, bicycle safety and skills, vegetable gardening, sketching, canoeing, bio-diversity hike, digital photography, earth-friendly home products, and art from nature!

## A Great Big Tree Contest for All!

The Youth Group is also hosting a big Tree Contest with results to be announced on Earth Day.

### All you have to do is:

Measure the circumference of the largest tree you know of in the Hamlet of Eden Mills, or in the district. Measure the tree 50cm or 1/2 M from the ground. Please include species if known.

Send your entry to the Eden Mills Carbon Neutral Youth Group, % of Robin and Kit Bresnahan, 48 Ash St. or [emmpca@sentex.net](mailto:emmpca@sentex.net)

## Cool Dates to Remember!

- **Eden Mills Millpond Conservation Association AGM and Potluck**  
**Friday, April 24 – 6:30 pm**  
Annual news report and major Carbon Neutral reports on recent Sequestration and Household Surveys as well as the Community Hall Energy Audit, and great new videos!
- **Youth Group (all high school students welcome!)**  
Meetings: **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at the park**  
Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7-9 pm at the Community Hall
- **Raise the Roof Concert with singer/songwriter Jude Vadela**  
**Saturday, April 25**  
For the benefit of the Eden Mills Community Hall and its new roof!

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**See Earth Day Workshop Registration Form below!!**

[www.goingcarbonneutral.ca](http://www.goingcarbonneutral.ca)



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**EDEN MILLS CARBON NEUTRAL  
EARTH DAY CELEBRATION  
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, *SPRING!* 2009**

**EARTH DAY WORKSHOPS  
1:00 pm to 4:00pm**

The following workshops are offered during our second annual Earth Day celebrations, in the spirit of the Environmental Sustainability and Nature themes of Earth Day.

The Earth Day Celebration is being coordinated by the Eden Mills Carbon Neutral Youth Group. **If you wish to participate, please complete this form and drop off with one of the following Youth Group members, email it to: [emmpca@sentex.net](mailto:emmpca@sentex.net) or phone Kit Bresnahan at 856-1188 by April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

- Robin Bresnahan, 48 Ash St.
- Brittany Brown, 21 Park St.

**IMPORTANT! No experience is required for any of the workshops. This is a chance to have a lot of fun! Bring the whole family and learn something!**

***Please note the following:***

- There is no cost to any of the workshops.
- All materials will be supplied..
- Workshops are open to all ages with the exceptions of the ones indicated.  
Workshops are 1, 2 and 3 hours long.
  - All 1:00 pm workshops start at the park

**Please complete the attached registration form – one per family. If you need more information, please call Kit Bresnahan at 856-1188.**



**WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM**

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/Town:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Participant(s)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Kite-making (6-12 year-olds)....Elizabeth Cunningham  
2 pm to 3 pm**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Bicycle Safety and Skills.....Evan Ferrari  
1 pm to 4 pm (Bring your bike/helmet.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Bio-diversity Hike .....Rob Johnson  
1 pm to 3 pm**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Digital Photography ..... Peter Rasberry  
2 hour workshop (bring camera)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pottery (Maximum 8 Adults) .....Lee Laing**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Art (Sketching) ..... Janet Wilson  
2 pm to 4 pm**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Earth Friendly Home Products...Deb Quaile  
1 hour – (Bring a notepad for recipes)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Art from Nature...Shelagh, Makeala & Brittany  
1 pm to 2 pm)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Vegetable Gardening.....Luc Beaudette  
Two 1 hour workshops (1 to 2 and 2 to 3:00pm)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Canoeing Instruction.....Sarah Bresnahan  
(maximum 10 people)**