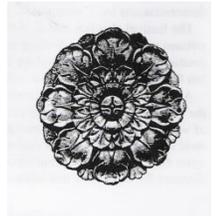


# Guild Renaissance Group

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“Rebuild the Guild of All Arts” Newsletter

Autumn, 2014

## It's Happening at the Guild . . . .

### Planning Meetings Continue for Revitalization of Guild Site

Toronto City Council has approved Dynamic Hospitality & Entertainment Group’s proposal for a **new restaurant and banquet facility**. Plans call for restoration of the interior of the 1914 Bickford Residence (the heart of the old Guild Inn) as well as re-establishment of the original front canopy entrance. Negotiations continue between the city and Dynamic for approval of the site plan.

Meetings have also been held for the **Park Management Plan**. Topics included Heritage, Forestry, Horticulture and Trails. These meetings were well attended, resulting in a positive exchange of ideas between a wide representation of City staff and community members.

Planning sessions have also begun for the Scarborough Waterfront Project for a **new waterfront park along the shoreline from Bluffers’ Park to East Point Park**. The Guild Park is located roughly in the centre of this proposal for a linked scenic landscape integrating shoreline regeneration, public access and safety and natural heritage. The study is being done by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).

The challenge for all these proposals is to ensure that all these plans dovetail together, with an overall plan that also incorporates public opinion and wishes, as well as the previously announced city initiatives to re-introduce art and artists into Guild Park under the previous plans for the ‘**Cultural Precinct**’ – those parts of Guild Park not being leased to Dynamic.

*Renew your G.R.G. membership (or join). Be part of the decision-making process as the Guild site is revitalized.*

## Guild Park Summer Highlights

### The Guild - Alive with Culture



The Guild Renaissance Group again presented this fun two-day event on July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, returning art to the

Guild. Great food and refreshments were again provided at the **Stone Cottage Pub**’s Beer Garden. The **Guild Festival Theatre** performed at the Greek Theatre Saturday and Sunday evenings.

The event showcased the work of numerous artists, painters, potters, jewelers and fabric artists, set amid the beautiful gardens of the Guild. Cedar Ridge Creative Centre and Gallery provided live demos of various art techniques plus hands-on craft sessions for kids. A wide variety of live entertainment kept things lively at The Greek Theatre. Various community groups provided information at their booths. With special features for younger visitors, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Admission to the festival and parking were free, as was the shuttle bus providing transportation within Guildwood.

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**Trees in Guild Park:** After the double disasters of the Emerald Ash Borer and the Ice Storm, a large number of dead/dying/damaged trees had to be removed from Guild Park. An extensive replanting program was begun by the city, focusing on native species appropriate for conditions at the Guild site.

**Doors Open Toronto:** By popular demand, Guild Park was again featured on the 2014 **Doors Open Toronto** on May 25th. A variety of presenters, each focused on a different area, did a series of four Walking Tours.

**Heritage Toronto Walk:** A more detailed tour of the Guild site was enjoyed by over 50 enthusiasts despite the cold rainy weather on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Regular Walking Tours** were held Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM from mid-July to the end of August

**Cultural HotSpot Tour** on Sept 14<sup>th</sup> was a part of the 2014 spotlight on arts, culture and community in south and central Scarborough.

**Family Movie Night:** On Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, Toronto Civic Employees' Union Local 416 and Friends of Guild Park and Gardens presented Disney's '**FROZEN**' on a blow-up screen at the Greek Theatre. An audience of about 250 (both young and not-so-young) enjoyed the show and the free popcorn and snow cones.



### Season Four of Live Theatre at the Guild!



### *The Importance of Being Earnest*

Sten Eirik and the **Guild Festival Theatre** proudly presented their fourth season of professional theatre in the Guild from July 17<sup>th</sup> to August 10th, performing Oscar Wilde's popular comedy, "**The Importance of Being Earnest**". Audiences loved it! "Well-played, well-staged and ... hilarious" (Scarborough Mirror, July 24, 2014). Photo by Raph Nogal.

The open-air stage of the beautiful Greek Theatre made each performance memorable. As darkness fell, the stage lighting turned the setting into a magical experience, as the forest receded into shadows and the stars twinkled overhead.

The GRG has been supportive of this group since its inception. Details are available at [www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca](http://www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca)

**The GRG really needs your support at this critical time. Encourage your friends, neighbours and relatives to join the Guild Renaissance Group and help rebuild The Guild of All Arts!**

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- Membership fee (\$20 per year)
- Donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** A tax receipt will be mailed for membership fee and/or donations of \$20 or more.

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- Events, walking tours
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- Fundraising
- Membership drive
- Outreach
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*Thanks for your support!*