



Guild Renaissance Group

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“Rebuild the Guild of All Arts” Newsletter

Spring, 2015

It's Happening at the Guild

Don't miss our Annual General Meeting

When: Sunday, May 31, 2015 from 2 PM to 4 PM

Where: The Momiji Centre, 3555 Kingston Road (just east of Markham Road)

Speaker: City Councillor, Paul Ainslie

Want to know more? Come to our AGM.
Refreshments will be served.

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

First Guild Park Jane's Walk
On Sunday, May 3rd, over 80 people enjoyed an informative “Jane's Walk” through Guild Park. Over 2/3 were first-time visitors.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these upcoming events:

Doors Open Toronto Sunday, May 24th

Four walking tours (at 10, 12, 2 and 4 PM) will be part of Doors Open Toronto again this year.

Guild Park Movie Nights Friday, June 12 Friday, August 28

Free movies under the stars at the Greek Theatre, presented by the Toronto Civic Employees' Union, Local 416 and Friends of Guild Park and Gardens. Popcorn, of course!

Heritage Toronto Walk Saturday, July 11th 1:30

A more detailed tour of the Guild site. Meet at the front flagpole.

The Guild - Alive with Culture July 25th - 26th

Presented by Councillor Paul Ainslie and the Guild Renaissance Group. Details on next page.

The Guild Revitalization is getting closer . . .

We know, it seems like forever that we have been anxiously awaiting a restaurant in Guild Park. However, once the site plan is approved, construction will begin! Well, actually demolition first. The City will take down the side wings so that Dynamic Entertainment can restore the historic Bickford Residence, adding a restaurant, banquet hall and an large open air gazebo. Community space will be included as well. City officials have assured us that public access will be maintained throughout the construction phase.

Meanwhile, work continues on the management plan for the rest of the park. The vision statement includes the following key aspects: a family friendly, destination park where art meets nature, with enhanced passive recreation, protection of natural heritage systems, revitalized cultural landscape structure, conservation of cultural heritage resources, while telling the story of the Clarks and their “Guild of All Arts”.

Consultations and planning are also underway for the T.R.C.A.'s Scarborough Waterfront Project. An Environmental Assessment is planned.

Guild Renaissance Group Board Members

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Don't miss **The Guild – Alive with Culture – An Arts Festival** in the Gardens of the Guild, **Saturday, July 25th and Sunday, July 26th**, 10 AM to 5 PM each day.

Enjoy great food from **The Olde Stone Cottage Pub** in their popular beer garden. The Guild Festival Theatre will perform at the Greek Theatre Saturday and Sunday evenings. Dine prior to the theatre!

Enjoy the beautiful gardens as you examine the work of numerous artists, painters, potters, jewelers and fabric artists. Cedar Ridge Creative Centre and Gallery will demo art techniques. Live entertainment will be showcased at The Greek Theatre. Meet with various community groups. There will be special features for younger visitors. Both admission to the festival and parking remain free. A free shuttle bus provides transportation within Guildwood, so leave your car at home if you like.

Visit our **Guild Renaissance Group booth**, enjoy our archival display, our beautiful fundraising prints of summer and winter views of the Guild Inn, and chat with our volunteers. We look forward to seeing you and your family and friends at this exciting event!

To volunteer at the GRG booth, or with the event itself, contact us at www.guildrenaissancgroup.com or talk to us at the Annual Meeting.



Season Five of Live Theatre at the Guild!

Thursday, July 16th to Sunday, August 9th, 2015

Guild Festival Theatre proudly presents their fifth season of professional theatre in the Guild, bringing Shakespeare to Guild Park with a fabulous production of **'Romeo and Juliet'**. Director Jamie Robinson has stepped into the breach following the sudden passing of Artistic Director Sten Eirik.

The open-air stage of the beautiful Greek Theatre makes each performance memorable. As darkness falls, stage lighting turns the setting into a magical experience, as the forest recedes into shadows and the stars twinkle overhead. Performances are Wednesday through Sundays at 7:30 PM, plus Sunday matinees at 2 PM on July 19, Aug 2 and Aug. 9.

Tickets are available online in advance, or at the door. After the performance, volunteers with flashlights assist guests to return safely to their cars.

The GRG has been supportive of this group since its inception. We urge everyone to attend and enjoy this wonderful art event. Details are available at www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca or call (416) 265-2934.

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!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Postal Code _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Enclosed is my cheque or money order, payable to the Guild Renaissance Group for:

- 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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I would also like to volunteer to help with:

- Events, walking tours
- Marketing and public relations
- Fundraising
- Membership drive
- Outreach
- Other (indicate area of expertise)

Please mail to:

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Thanks for your support!