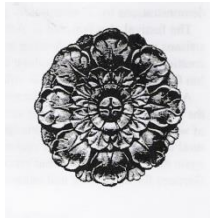


Guild Renaissance Group

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“Rebuild the Guild of All Arts” Newsletter

Spring, 2016

It's Happening at the Guild

Don't miss our Annual General Meeting

When: Sunday, June 12, 2016 from 2 PM to 4 PM

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

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.

Construction has begun!

Yes, construction has begun on Dynamic Entertainment's new restaurant and banquet hall. Not only that, but they have already begun booking weddings and other events for 2017.

Exciting news, but it comes with a price. Due to the extensive construction safety fencing to permit the work crews to safely utilize heavy equipment and construction materials, access to Guild Park is limited to pedestrian traffic in 2016. As a result, many popular events will not happen this summer, as hosting large events would be difficult and possibly hazardous due to construction.

The **Guild Festival Theatre's** summer production on the Greek Theatre is cancelled, as is our own **Guild Alive with Culture** as well as the **movie nights** presented by Friends of Guild Park. Even the GVCA's **Guildwood Day Barbeque** will be held elsewhere this summer. But **all these events will be back in 2017**, which will be a year of celebration. Not only the new restaurant, but also the 85th anniversary of the Guild of All Arts, the 35th anniversary of the Greek Theatre, and the 150th anniversary of Canada!

More good news! Planning discussions are ramping up with City officials for the cultural aspects and events in the rest of the park – not only Spencer Clark's office (that grey bunker-like building with the frieze from The Globe and Mail on the exterior) but also the Sculptors' Cabin, the log cabin and the Greek

Theatre. Park stakeholders (the Guild Renaissance Group, the Guildwood Village Community Association, the Guild Festival Theatre and Friends of Guild Park and Gardens) are meeting regularly to present a united front in requesting the best utilization of the Guild's precious assets.

Other improvements include lighting, paths, washrooms, forest maintenance, and other critical items which will make Guild Park 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 continue on the T.R.C.A.'s Scarborough Waterfront Project.

Nuit Blanche - 2017

Guild Park and Gardens has been added to the list of possible venues for Nuit Blanche in 2017. This could be the start of something big. We're keeping our fingers crossed that it happens!

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Guild Renaissance Group Sculpture Plans:



The G.R.G. continues to work on plans to obtain one or more sculptures by our patron, Dorsey James (one of the artists who worked at the 'Guild of All Arts').

Despite the lack of larger events, there are still activities planned for Guild Park this summer. Walking tours continue, featuring the Monument Walk artifacts. Soon the relocated Wishing Well will be framed by new landscaping.

Of course, the beautiful Gardens of the Guild are always worth a visit throughout all four seasons.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these upcoming events:

**Doors Open Toronto
Sunday, May 29th**

Four walking tours (at 10, 12, 2 and 4 PM) will be part of Doors Open Toronto again this year. Park at Sir Wilfred Laurier Collegiate on Guildwood Parkway. The tours will begin at the start of the Monument Walk (just west of the main Guild Park gates which are currently closed).

**Community Walking Tour Summer Series
Last Sunday of each month beginning June 26th at 2 PM**

Parking and start location same as Doors Open (above).

**Heritage Toronto Walk
Saturday, July 31st at 1:30**

A more detailed tour of the Guild site. Parking and start location will be the same as for Doors Open (above).

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 _____

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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)

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Thanks for your support!