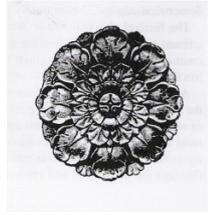


Guild Renaissance Group



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“Rebuild the Guild of All Arts” Newsletter

Fall, 2012

It's Happening at the Guild

Guild Walking Tours now on a Regular Schedule

On July 22, 2012, the Guild property was featured on CTV's Our Toronto segment which regularly profiles prominent historic buildings in Toronto. The tour was led by GRG board member Janet Heise. Here is a link to the broadcast if you missed it: <http://www.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=725606>. Our heartfelt thanks go to GRG member Andrew Lawson for arranging this wonderful opportunity to showcase the Guild Property to CTV viewers.

One of the results of this publicity was the need for follow-up. Another GRG member, John Mason, enthusiastically stepped up to the plate at the Guild Alive with Culture event, producing flyers for the upcoming walking tours as well as setting up a Facebook page. This link will take you to it, even if you are not on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/GuildWalkingTours>. The walking tours began on August 1st and run every Wednesday and Thursday evening at 6:30 PM until the end of August. Thanks to John Mason and Janet Heise for doing most of these tours, and to other GRG members for volunteering to help with future tours. Paul Ainslie provided e-mail promotion to his constituent list, the Scarborough Mirror put an interview about the tours on its front page, and the momentum continues to build! It was great to introduce the story of The Guild of All Arts and the beautiful sculptural artifacts from Toronto's history to both newcomers and Guild fans alike.

City of Toronto RFP

This fall, the City of Toronto will issue a Request for Proposal for a restaurant and banquet hall (suitable for wedding receptions and other events) at the Guild. We have already talked in past GRG newsletters about the City's plans for other areas of the Guild property: renovation of Spencer Clark's on-site office/storage building to provide studio space for artists, viewing areas, gallery space, gift shop, and much more. The City wants to firm up the restaurant proposal before beginning major renovations to the property.

Support for Revitalization of The Guild of All Arts

Stemming from the popularity of the Walking Tours and the enthusiasm of the participants, we are gathering signatures of those supporting the revitalization of the Guild property. We hope that this show of support from both local residents as well as visitors from other areas will demonstrate grass roots support for the return of the Guild to a place of prominence in the art community, not only for Toronto, but also for Ontario, for Canada and indeed for the world.

News Flashes!

We are now planning Sunday fall walking tours at 2 PM on Sept. 16th, Oct. 21st, and Nov. 18th! The Olde Stone Cottage Pub is working on a tie-in promotion that you won't want to miss! So mark your calendars, and join one of the fun afternoon tours of the Guild property and gardens.

The city has refurbished the Guild tennis court, and it is a pleasure to see it in use during our evening tours of the Guild. All are welcome!

The stone garage's sagging roof is being rebuilt with input from the Toronto Historical Board. It's wonderful to see progress being made on the site.

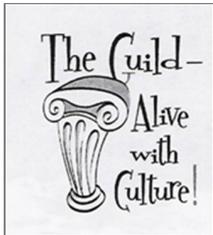
Steps are underway to obtain a heritage designation from Parks Canada for the Guild Park and Gardens.



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2012 The Guild - Alive with Culture Event an overwhelming success



In 2012, our showcase event moved from August to July 28th and 29th – and the weather was great! We welcomed **The Olde Stone Cottage Pub** who not only provided great food but also our first beer garden – very popular with visitors on a warm sunny weekend! The event featured over 50 artists and nearly 20 community groups, plus fabulous varied entertainment on the stage of the Greek Theatre. Both evenings, the Guild

Festival presented its original play *Clouds over T.O.*, and many stayed to enjoy a magical performance as the sun set.

In 2012, your **Guild Renaissance Group** increased its participation in this event, and is now listed with Councillor Paul Ainslie as co-presenters. The gardens of the Guild were spectacular, thanks to the efforts of the Toronto Parks department. Cedar Ridge Creative Centre provided demos of many of their class offerings. Sheridan Nurseries trucked in beautiful plants to enhance the setting even more. Special features focused on younger visitors. Even members of the Toronto Police Mounted Unit were present, thrilling young and old alike. A great time was had by all who attended, and as usual, entry and parking were free.



Live Theatre at the Guild!

Following last year's outstanding presentation of Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard", Sten Eirik and the Guild Festival Theatre created a new production for 2012, which ended August 12th. "Clouds over T.O." was a brand new music theatre creation based on "The Clouds"

by ancient Greek comedian Aristophanes. Presented on the open-air stage of the Greek Theatre in the Guild, the setting brought the presentation to life. Evening performances became truly magical as the sun set.

The GRG has been supportive of this group since its inception. Details of future presentations are available at 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!

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

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