



LEAVES Newsletter



Sunday, September 21, 2008

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Treefest 2008

Riverview Hospital: H.E.Y. Building
2601 Lougheed Highway, Coquitlam

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Join us, rain or shine, for a free family event

Enjoy guided tree tours, heritage tour, tree sale, entertainers, children's activities, art exhibits, food concessions, Master Gardeners and demonstrations on bonsai, pruning and creating a fall planter.

Presentation on the history of Riverview. Free parking and shuttle bus on-site.

For more information please call 604-927-6959 or see www.rhcs.org

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The Riverview Horticultural Centre Society & the City of Coquitlam invite you to:



TREEFEST 2008

Sunday, September 21st 2008 11 to 4

RAIN or SHINE

A fun filled day for the whole Family

FREE EVENT

Treefest 2008 is a celebration of the beautiful trees and the Heritage buildings on the Riverview Hospital Grounds located at 2601 Lougheed Highway, Coquitlam, B.C.

Festival site is at the Henry Esson Young Building (HEY). Follow Holly Drive, up Oak Crescent to Kalmia.

Activities include:

- * Guided tree tours
- * Presentation on the healing power of a beautiful natural environment – then & now (see below)
- * Bonsai, tree pruning & fall planter demonstrations
- * Tree Sale (donations welcome)
- * Community displays
- * Live entertainment
- * Art exhibition and sale
- * Heritage Building Walk
- * Children's crafts & activities
- * SPARC Radio Museum & Riverview Hospital Historical Museum open for tours
- * Food concessions

TREE TOURS:

The popular Tree Tours which highlight the more than 1,900 trees on the site will be held at **11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm** - leaving from below the HEY building.

SPEAKERS:

Bonsai Art Exhibit and Demonstration by Ken Baker. **11:30 & 1:30**

Demonstration will include the basics of bonsai art, such as how to effectively work and trim roots, best soil choices, best pruning techniques for bonsai, wiring/training basics, best stock choices for bonsai, necessary tools, etc. etc.

Look for exhibit near to the RHCS tent.

The Goldminer, The Scotsman and the Promise of Riverview. by Val Adolph **1:00**

Val will tell the story of how Henry Esson Young & John Davidson united to create the Provincial Mental Hospital and its Lands at the site now known as Riverview.

Concepts of dealing with mentally ill people at that time, how these concepts have changed, contrasting this with the constancy of the healing power of a beautiful natural environment, for everyone, not just the mentally ill.

This Event is FREE, no registration required.

Lots of Free Parking!

Volunteer Opportunities available.

If you would like more information please phone 604-290-9910 or 604-939-4064

THE GOLD MINER, THE SCOTSMAN AND THE PROMISE OF RIVERVIEW

At Treefest this year Val Adolph will tell the story of how Henry Esson Young and John Davidson united to create the Provincial Mental Hospital and its Lands at the site now known as Riverview. She will cover the concepts of dealing with mentally ill people at that time, and how these concepts have changed, contrasting this with the constancy of the healing power of a beautiful natural environment – for everyone, not just the mentally ill. Come and hear Ms. Adolph relate her first-hand experience and observations at Riverview. There will be time for questions after her presentation at 1:00 pm in the Henry Esson Young building.

Val Adolph is a retired Riverview employee and a founding member of the Riverview Horticultural Centre Society. She is an award-winning speaker, historian and author who has been involved in the publishing of 12 non-fiction books.

BONSAI ART EXHIBIT and DEMONSTRATION

Ken Baker has been practicing the Art of Bonsai for 23 years. He has a background in professional photography, is a certified Horticulturalist with extensive working background in the field and for many years was a full time practicing arborist. This knowledge has been an asset in learning the art of bonsai but certainly not a necessity.

Anyone with a creative muscle and a greenish thumb and of course the desire to learn will discover a new and wonderful world of miniature within themselves bursting to come out. Ken's talk/demonstration will include the basics of bonsai art, such as how to effectively work and trim roots, best soil choices, best pruning techniques for bonsai, wiring/training basics, best stock choices for bonsai, necessary tools, etc. etc.

Look for Ken's exhibit/tent at Treefest near to the RHCS tent. First demo/talk will be at 11:30 am, second one at 1:30 pm, all questions most welcome.

Treefest Activity Schedule 2008

Time	Event	Location	
11:00 – 4:00	Tree Sale	North HEY parking lot	Donna Crosby
11:00	Tree Tours	Flags east (downhill side) of HEY	
11:30 – 12:30	Pruning Demo	Up Oak Crescent on left side of road	Bartlett Tree Experts
11:30 – 12:30	Bonsai Demo	Tent by Serenity Garden	Ken Baker
12:00	Tree Tours	Flags east (downhill side) of HEY	
12:00 – 1:00	Heritage Building Walk	Auditorium C (Inside HEY)	Don Luxton
12:30 – 1:15	Children's Tree Walk	Start at Serenity Garden	Norma Gillespie
1:00	Tree Tours	Flags east (downhill side) of HEY	
1:00 – 2:00	Presentation on the History of Riverview	Classroom 3	Val Adolph
1:30 – 2:00	Pruning Demo	Up Oak Crescent on left side of road	Bartlett Tree Experts
1:30 – 2:30	Bonsai Demo	Tent by Serenity Garden	Ken Baker
2:00 – 2:45	Fall Planter Demo	Tree Sale location	City Gardener
2:00	Tree Tours	Flags east (downhill side) of HEY	
3:00	Tree Tours	Flags east (downhill side) of HEY	
3:00 – 4:00	Private Community Beautification Reception	Serenity Garden	City Staff



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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Fall 2008



We were pleased to have so many members and friends show up for our Annual General Meeting in June. Thank You to everyone who came out to support us.

Just in time for our AGM the Society received a mini-documentary called For the future of Riverview. The 8 minute film produced by the City of Coquitlam and coordinated by Mariette Pilon includes still photos of Riverview's picturesque settings, important archival material and short interviews with historians and some of our own Society members. The project was initiated by Coquitlam Council's Riverview Task Force in late 2006 and includes an excellent 4 page brochure making this something new and exciting that we can take out to the community. We need to carry on - raising awareness by 'telling our story'.

There are times when we all wonder how long it will take. We still get asked, "Are we allowed on the ground?" "Are any of these buildings actually habitable?" and "What's so special about these trees?" Of course the answer to the first two questions is YES and re: the tree collection- "One of the finest in Canada."

We point out that no one knows what our future needs will be regarding mental health and that we must work harder to preserve the remaining 244 acres of this asylum setting. With what we read and what we see when we walk down some of the streets in Vancouver or even walk the Coquitlam river it seems as if the needs will be great indeed!

Note: We sometimes forget that the 1st definition of the word asylum is: shelter; refuge; SANCTUARY.

On a lighter note: Please don't forget that we have volunteer gardening/ landscaping opportunities on Thursday and Sunday mornings at Finnie's Garden.

See you at Trefest.

Norma Gillespie

2008 Tree Walk Schedule

September 21st	Sunday	11-4pm	TREEFEST 2008
October 5th	Sunday	1 pm	Public Tree Tour

All walks start at the HEY building unless stated otherwise.