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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, Spring is finally here and Riverview is all dressed up and getting ready for summer. The flowering ashes are blooming, some of the later Magnolias still have blossoms and the beautiful blooms of the Paulownias finally showed up. The Paulownias, however, are giving us a much more subdued show than usual. Paulownia tomentosa, the Empress or Foxglove tree, has beautiful lilac upright flower spikes. The flower buds form in the late fall so were damaged by our cold spell last November. However, I am very happy they survived as they are borderline tender for our climate.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 7 at 7:30 PM. Please come along to hear what RHCS has been up to in the last year. It has been a very busy year for our executive. We are still looking for a Treasurer. If any of our members could help out in this regard, it would be very much appreciated. Our accounting system and membership list is all on computer and is very easy to manage.

We are aware of recent announcements by Vancouver Mayor Sam Sullivan and Health Minister George Abbott re future uses of Riverview but we know nothing more than what was in the press. We continue to attend Stewardship meetings with ARES. No progress on the Tree Management Plan so far.

If you are visiting Riverview take note of the new i.d. tags on over 200 trees so far. Also check out the wonderful improvements at Finnie's Garden, especially in the Pond area.

Planning for Treefest has begun. Volunteers are always needed. If you can help in any way please contact Donna (939-4064) or Mary (939-7769) for details of volunteer opportunities.

Hope to see some of you out at the AGM and the summer tree tours.

Donna Crosby

AGM Announcement!

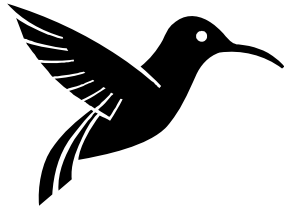
EVERYONE is WELCOME

Please come join us for our
Annual General Meeting
Thursday June 7th, 2007

at 7:30 pm
Henry Esson Young Building
Riverview Hospital
call for more info: 604-290-9910

If you want to know more about what is happening with the Society, and at Riverview this is a chance to hear the latest news we have.

Hummingbird Specialty



Hummingbird specialty
 Whipped into the gazebo for me
 Back of gold and green
 Front of gold red, and white
 Striped underneath tail add to the sight
 Dipped into butterfly bush honeysuckle too
 I love you.



By Dale Javorsky

Dale lives on the Riverview Lands. She is an exceptionally observant bird watcher and a passionate advocate for the flora and fauna of Riverview.



Linden Walk
 Thursday 7:30pm
 July 5th, 2007

The LINDEN WALK starts at 7:30pm & finishes with a refreshing cup of Linden tea and some treats.

Come Join Us.



Linden Tea



MAGNOLIA WILSONII - Tree No. 986

Patricia Matyas

On the slope below North Lawn stand a grouping of large Catalpa trees. Truly an impressive sight in late May and June. Overshadowed by them is a small bush growing steadily, (it may well reach 30 ft.) with an unusual flower for a magnolia, it hangs upside down. A sweet smelling weeping magnolia.

Recently, while flipping through a magazine I came across a small item which caught my attention. It showed a small indistinct picture of several men on a hillside, probably high in the mountains of China. One man sporting the inevitable solar-toupee of the Englishman in tropical climates. The caption read "Mr. Wilson on an expedition in China". He had been caught in a rock slide. No one had been killed, but poor Mr. Wilson had broken one of his legs in two places. He was far from help. He struggled against pain and losing consciousness, trying to fix a splint, when along the small trail they had been following, came a long mule-train. Mr. Wilson could not hobble out of the way among the boulders and fallen loose rocks. And you can not back up a thirty mule-train. So Mr. Wilson was settled as best he could be lying straight across the trail, while the mules picked their way over him.

I have not found any other specimens of Mr. Wilson's plant finding searches although there are many. I am glad we have #986 and now is the best time to enjoy it.

Magnolia Wilsonii



Photo by Daniel Mosquin
www.ubcbotanicalgarden.org

From the Walk Director

Mary Brown



1 of the 300 new labels

I am pleased to report that nearly 300 labels, with Latin and common names, place of origin and tag number have now been installed on trees throughout the Riverview grounds. These were provided by BCBC (now ARES), in partial mitigation for taking greenspace for Connolly and Cottonwood Lodges, and chosen by RHCS members, as representing all genus and most varieties of trees across the Lands, in places where people are likely to walk, or wonder about a particular tree that stands out from others. We have some left to go up, that need to be staked, because of the way the tree grows. So far we have not come up with a safe way to do this. A further 200 labels will be forthcoming.

Another new initiative is re-working the self-guided tour, putting all the trees in a zone, with Latin and common names, country of origin and some interesting details about each species. So far Zone 1 (below Pennington Hall) is done in draft form, and has

a red dot on it. Zone 2 is nearing ready. This is a big area, the former Yellow zone, with all the area around Crease Clinic, and Cafeteria included. This will be a double paged production, and will be marked with a yellow dot.

I am looking for feedback from users, as this format may not work for everyone.
Please contact me at mary@rhcs.org

One advantage of doing it this way is that we can make changes, as we do not have to send away for copies.

Further zones will be produced from time to time. There are 26 zones in all, but as some have few trees in them several zones may be combined together. All will be located at our kiosk. All this is in conjunction with the new numbering system of white tags, and all trees being tracked by GPS (general positioning system). We hope that there will be a way for people to access information through this system.

AGM Presentation

Join us at our AGM on Thursday June 7 for a presentation of some of the history and beauty of the Riverview Lands.

We are planning on going out into the community with variations of this presentation to make the public aware of the potential of the Riverview Hospital site and its many attributes.

Join us for a preview presentation and give us your input of how best to get the word out.



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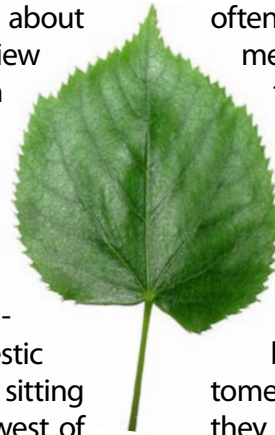
We would like to have a series of articles about different trees in these e-newsletters, with the possibility of having pictures in colour to go with them. If anyone who is interested in the trees would like to do such an article in future please get in touch with our editor, teri@rhcs.org.

As the Linden walk is coming up on July 5th at 7:30 pm I am going to start with the Tilia family, found growing at Riverview.

Linden Trees

Mary Brown

There are several common names for these trees including lindens, basswoods and lime trees, with about 30 varieties available. At Riverview there are 4 different species, with *T. x europaea*, European linden, being the most numerous, *T. platyphyllos*, Broadleaf linden, the most secretive, *T. euchlora*, Crimean linden, mostly in the self guided tour area, and the grand-daddy of them all the two majestic *T. tomentosa* Silver lindens sitting proudly at the top of the bank west of Centre Lawn. *Tilia x europaea* is a cross between *T. platyphyllos* and *T. cordata*,



and is well-known in Europe, where the flowers are used to make a tea. It is often used as a street tree, but is rather messy as the bracts that surrounded the flower buds dry up and fall during the summer. We relied on *T. europaea* to provide flowers and perfume for our Linden Walk, but recently these have finished flowering even though we have moved the event day back. Now we find that the *T. tomentosa* is filling that role, although they usually flowered towards the end of July. "A sign of global warming?"

Join us for our Linden Walk & Tea July 5th - see page 2.

2007 Tree Walk Schedule



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| June 17th | Sunday | 1 pm | Public Tree Tour |
| June 24th | Sunday | 1 pm | BMN Backyard walk |
| July 5th | Thursday | 7:30 pm | Linden walk |
| July 15th | Sunday | 1 pm | Public Tree Tour |
| July 29th | Sunday | 1 pm | Public Tree Tour |
| August 19th | Sunday | 1 pm | Public Tree Tour |
| August 26th | Sunday | 1 pm | BMN Backyard walk |
| September 23rd | Sunday | 11-4pm | TREEFEST 2007 |
| October 14th | Sunday | 1 pm | Public Tree Tour |

All walks start at the HEY building at 1 pm unless stated otherwise.

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