

AUGUST 2022 Newsletter

"Gold is a luxury. Trees are necessities. Man can live and thrive without gold, but we cannot survive without trees."

— Paul Bamikole

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT RIVERVIEW

- BC Housing (BCH) and Kwikwetlem First Nation (KFN) jointly moved forward and removed the kiosks.
- Gardening has started at Serenity Garden by archaeologically trained volunteers.
- Water hookup to Serenity Garden was installed by BCH.
- Tree tours have been well-attended. (feature article). We have three more tree tours this year, starting from the upper parking lot of the Henry Esson Young (HEY) Building.
 - Sunday, August 14 at 1:00
 - Sunday, September 11 at 1:00
 - Sunday, October 2 at 1:00

TREE TOURS

Still free to the public after thirty years.

This year BCH is covering the cost of the BCH-mandated liaison for five of our six scheduled tree tours. Riverview Horticultural Centre Society (RHCS) has not yet heard what the liaison cost is for our sixth tour on October 2nd. Next year we are planning on getting back to our usual number of eight to ten tree tours for all to enjoy on these public lands.

Our tour leaders are knowledgeable and skilled experts (arborists, horticulturists). They donate their time freely because they believe in the importance and value of this special collection of trees on səmiqʷəʔelə/Riverview.

The following are some comments from people who attended the July 17th tree tour:

"Very exciting. I didn't know what to expect." Phil

Ali, a first-time attendee commented that he "learned a lot," and that tree tours would be a benefit for grade 11 and 12 students.

"Very enjoyable. The arborist was personable. The pruning tips were good." Carol

"Awesome. I've never seen so many different species and they are so big. Very informative. He knows his stuff." anonymous

"Fabulous. Very educational. Fascinating." Tracey, Lori, and Sandra

"The trees are so spectacular in all their majesty. Protecting these trees on this location is something worth fighting for." Zoe Royer, Port Moody City Councillor



Attendees enjoying a tree walk, July 2022



Ginkgo at Riverview by East lawn building

"RADIANT CHARM OF THE GINKGO"

"There is something refreshingly different about a ginkgo tree. Its name sounds like a door bell, and its curious, fan-shaped leaves set it apart from all other trees. In autumn it turns golden yellow; not orange or red but a radiant, generous, clear yellow. It shines as elms used to shine, and I love it."

Stephen Anderton, *The Times* (June 1, 1996)

"GINKGO BILOBA is a living fossil tree having undergone little evolutionary change over almost 200 million years. While currently it is essentially extinct in the wild, it is widely cultivated for its nut as well as for its leaves. The tree has a high tolerance to urban and industrial pollution and is extremely resistant to insects, bacteria, viruses, and fungi. Extracts of the leaves have been used for 5000 years in traditional Chinese medicine for various purposes. Medicinal extracts are made from dried leaves. Studies on the biological activity of different components of the ginkgo leaf began with modern scientific methods about 20 years ago."

"Neurological Review" *Arch Neurol.* Nov. 1998



July 2nd 2022



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GINKGO BILOBA
Maidenhair Tree
China

AGM SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2022

The RHCS AGM will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Check our Facebook page and watch for an email with details on how to join the Zoom meeting. Sign up, and at the end of the AGM you may win a prize.

LOOKING TO BRANCH OUT? Are you concerned about the environment? Do you want more parks? Do you want to support mental health and save the trees on səmíqʷəʔelə/Riverview? Then join us on the RHCS Board. We are looking for three to five new board members. We meet once a month from September to June and help with tree tours.



IN MEMORIAM

The RHCS welcomes a membership "in Memoriam" for any friend or family member as a recognition of perhaps their involvement or contribution to Riverview, as a former employee, patient, supporter, or just a member of the public who enjoyed the trees and the magnificent lands.

Family connection to Riverview

Elaine Turner 1926 – 2019

A strong dynamic woman, with a sensitive generous heart, and gentle healing hands. Elaine grew up on a farm during the depression, as a child she could lift 80-pound bales of hay, during the war she worked in the Cominco Smelter Zinc plant. When the men returned home from fighting in the Second World war, she left to marry her co-worker, Harold. They had 2 children, Kathryn, and Patricia, and lived on a large property with fruit trees, gardens, and chickens along the Columbia River. When Harold passed suddenly, she went to work driving taxi, and returned to school to finish high school before moving to Vancouver to attend SFU and BCIT to become a Registered Nurse, as well as a Registered Psychiatric nurse. She worked at Riverview hospital several years, as well as in St. Paul's extended care. Riverview was special to her for many reasons, she saw the potential of it being a healing oasis. She felt the program of patients tending gardens was often more helpful than almost any other treatment. She knew how healing the gardens, and particularly the trees, were to our mental and emotional health. She saw how much it changed people's outlook and connected people back to themselves. She had 50 trees on her city property - several giant 70-foot sequoias, including a beautiful blue needled one started from a seedling, a golden dawn redwood, a black walnut, a silver birch, and 20-foot-tall rhododendron. A tree hugger all her life, she was an ardent member of the Riverview Horticultural Centre Society, believing in the importance of the treasure of rare trees on the property. Elaine loved attending the Tree Tours each year. These visits always included going to the Riverview cemetery to see her Dad's grave, who had been a patient at Riverview. When she passed trees were planted in her honour in several places, including along Canada's Highway of Heroes program Tree Tribute Memorial, as a way, to carry on the legacy of hope and healing through nature, that was so important to Elaine.



MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all the friends of the RHCS for renewing your annual membership for the year 2022/2023. If you still want to renew, we encourage you to do so.

Interest is higher than ever. Just in the last month thirty new members joined the RHCS. Please let friends and family know they are welcome to join us in this cause of preserving the trees and supporting mental health on səmiqʷəʔelə/Riverview.

The membership form is available on our website rhcs.org



RENEW or JOIN NOW!!

The Riverview Horticultural Centre Society

RHCS invites you to join us in supporting our efforts to keep the site of BC's first botanical garden, the Riverview Hospital Lands, intact.

SUPPORTER APPLICATION

DATE: / / 202

Supporter: \$5

You are invited to make a DONATION: \$

TOTAL Amount Enclosed: \$

Please make cheques payable to: Riverview Horticultural Centre Society

NEW or RENEWAL

Yearly membership is due on April 1st

We Value your Continued Support & Appreciate all the help

TAX RECEIPTS:

- RHCS is a registered charitable organization
- Donations of \$20 or more will be automatically receipted.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone #: _____

Please Mail to: _____ e-mail: _____

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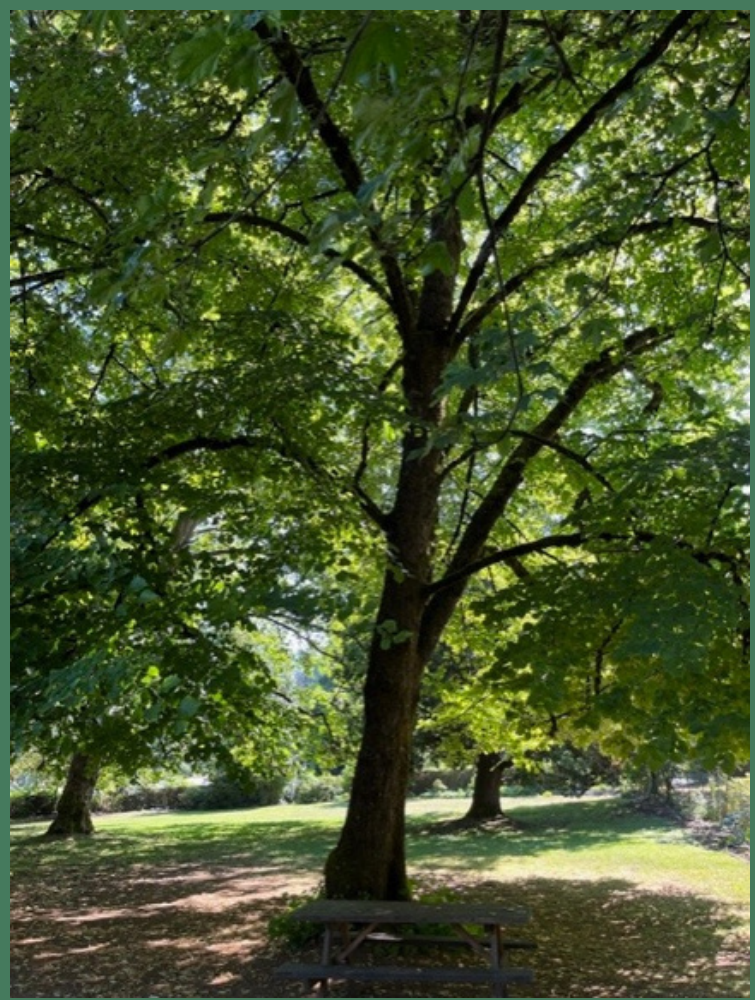
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MEMBER FEEDBACK

We'd love to hear from you. Please send questions or comments to riverviewRHCS@outlook.com or 604.290.9910

Membership form, available on our website rhcs.org

“It is not so much for its beauty that the forest makes a claim upon men's hearts, as for that subtle something, that quality of air that emanation from old trees, that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit.”
- Robert Louis Stevenson



Serenity Garden