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Treefest 2006

We have been busy planning Treefest 2006 for September 17th, 12 noon-5 pm, and hope you have all marked your calendar for that day, and are inviting your family and friends to join us. The event starts an hour later this year, to allow those who want to join the Terry Fox Run to do that first. In fact next year, as there are 5 Sundays in the month we are going to switch our date.

SPEAKER

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John Vaillant, author of "The Golden Spruce", has been invited to read passages from his book, and autograph copies. This is a fascinating story about a unique tree, sacred to the Haida people, which was cut down in 1997 by Grant Hadwin. 12:30 to 1:30.

NEW TREE TOURS

We will also be continuing to offer a variety of walks, going to different parts of the Lands, including a 'Landscape Walk', 'Learn to ID Ten Other Trees', (a follow up from last year), a "North Lawn" walk, and will also have a pruning demonstration in Finnie's Garden. For details of the schedule check out our web-site www.rhcs.org.

HERITAGE BUILDING WALK

We are having a Heritage Building Walk again, led this year by Norma Gillespie, along with Ron Simpson, the retired architect who made our wonderful 3D map of the Lands. They will start with a video and talk presentation in one of the auditoriums, and then do a walking tour. However we have not been able to get permission to go into the buildings, in spite of our best efforts. Safety and use by the movie industry seem to be the concerns.

TREE SALE

New this year! Some trees and plants will be for sale. See more info on page 2.

BLACKBERRY TEA at FINNIES GARDEN

1:30 - 4:30 Blackberry shortcake, goodies and beverages from our RHCS volunteers. (while supplies last)



LOTS MORE...

Guided Tree Tours, Art Exhibition, Live Entertainment, Community Group displays, Master Gardeners...

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Tree Sale at Treefest 2006



The Tree Sale being held at Treefest this year will feature Japanese Maples. We have had several flats of small Japanese Maple seedlings donated by Bill Browne (Bill's Little Tree Farm) who is the founding president of RHCS. Most of these seedlings originate from Riverview. They would be excellent to train into small patio trees or for bonsai purposes.

Other trees which will be available include Garry Oaks, Hardy Hibiscus, Koelreuteria paniculata (Golden-rain Tree), contorted Willow and small Dogwoods.

For info call Donna at 604-939-4064

2006 Tree Walk Schedule

September 17th Sunday 12-5pm TREEFEST 2006 October 15th Sunday 1 pm Public Tree Tour

All walks start at the HEY building.



From the Walk Director

We now have a revised list of 'all' 1900 or so trees (always a work in progress), which are on GPS, and 500 will have labels with Latin and common name, tag number and place of origin, which we hope may be in place by Treefest. Also we are trying to develop new self-quided tour sheets, by zone, which will have more information than previously, and include more of the trees. We hope to have completed the former 'Red Zone', below Pennington Hall before Treefest. These will be available at the Kiosk.

Four RHCS members visited England in May, and saw two of the Wollemi Pines which are now beginning to be made available, since their discovery in Australia 12 years ago. These trees have survived since the time that dinosaurs roamed the land, and as Doug Justice says "resemble a cross between a Taxus (Yew) and Araucaria heterophylla (Norfolk Island Pine)". We would love to see one at Riverview one day.

We have invited John Vaillant, author of "The Golden Spruce", a fascinating story about a unique tree, sacred to the Haida people, which was cut down in 1997. I was privileged to see the tree in 1984 when I visited Haida Gwaii, and have been interested to learn more about it.

Mary Brown

Treefest Volunteers Needed

There are always ways that people can help with this event, and your offer will be gratefully received. If you can spare an hour or two on 17th please give me a call at 604-939-7769 'Mary'



Treefest 2006

Sunday, September 17,2006 12:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

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



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

Enjoy guided tree tours,
heritage building tour, nature
walk, plant sale, live family
entertainment, children's crafts
and tree walk, art exhibition and
sale, food concession, blackberry
tea in Finnie's Garden, Master
Gardeners, community displays
and a presentation by award
winning author, John Vaillant. Free
parking and shuttle bus on-site.

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