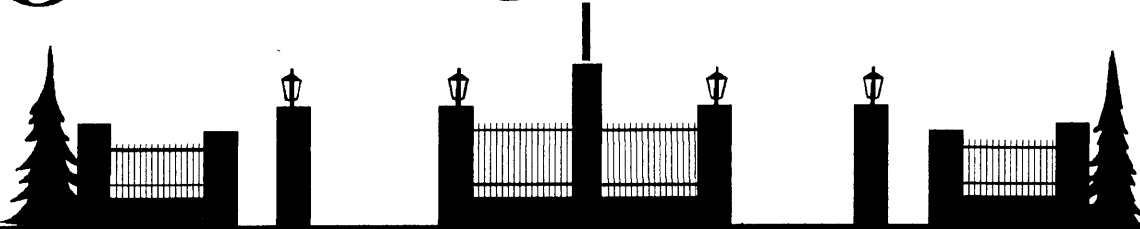


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GUILD INN UPDATE

A number of exciting things have happened since the last report on the Guild Inn.

In early May, the Renaissance Group gave a presentation before the Scarborough Community Council of their Discussion Document that outlines their vision for the Guild Inn and surrounding grounds. This comprehensive vision includes some of the current uses, and introduces others that borrow extensively from the site's rich cultural heritage. This presentation drew favourable reviews from the Councilors present, and is available at the Guildwood Public Library should residents wish to read it.

The Guild Renaissance Group also set up and maintained an information table at the Art Naturally weekend to further inform both residents and visitors of their activities.

The most recent of these activities was a brainstorming session held at the Guild Inn on September 2. The purpose of this was to provide a forum mostly for the arts and cultural community to suggest ways in which the site could once more become a viable and vibrant centre for arts and crafts-oriented activities. The session drew quite a few people and suggestions.

Also over the summer, the City's Guild Cultural Steering Committee received submissions from eight consulting groups interested in carrying out the feasibility study. The terms of reference for the study are "... to determine the scale, scope and cost of preserving the main structure (known as the Bickford Wing - current restaurant and meeting room facility at the Guildwood Park) as a multi-purpose arts and

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www.guildwood.on.ca

Have you checked out The Guildwood Community Website lately? It has grown over the summer with a number of additions:

- a Guestbook that allows you to share your comments or views about the Guild Inn or the Community
- pictures from Guildwood Day
- information about your community association including the constitution and by-laws
- the chronological history of the area starting in 1795
- photos and the history of the "Architecture at the Guild"
- photos from "Art Naturally at the Guild"
- a beautiful photo gallery of pictures around

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the Guild Inn

- information about the Guild Renaissance Group and its proposals for the Guild Inn and the grounds.
- a page of links to your neighbours Internet home pages, (if yours isn't listed, please e-mail us so we can add it)



We hope you like the site.

If you have any ideas or information you feel could be added to the site you can e-mail us at webmaster@guildwood.on.ca or call Fred Cowin at 283-6043.

Fred Cowin, Website & Membership List Co-ordinator



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STILL NEEDED

GUILDWOOD DAY CO-ORDINATOR

Please phone the GVCA Hotline at 410-2755 if you are interested in helping out on the committee for Guildwood Day.

Each of the activities during the day has a co-ordinator. Why not help out with your favourite?

We are also looking for a co-ordinator to oversee all the activities.

This is an important day in Guildwood - please help us out and have some fun too!

Call the HotLine at 410-2755.



DATES TO REMEMBER

March, 1999	Annual General Meeting
May, 1999	Membership Drive
May, 1999	Garage Sale
June 1999	Guildwood Day
December 6, 1998	Christmas Celebration

GUILDWOOD NEWS & VIEWS

The Guildwood News & Views is published four times a year with occasional special editions. Submissions are welcome and must be received by the following dates:

Winter edition	January 31
Spring edition	March 15
Summer edition	May 31
Fall edition	September 15

Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with any submission item you wish returned.

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culture centre.”

Of the eight groups, three were short-listed, and one group was eventually chosen to carry out the study. This group consists of the following firms and their individual areas of expertise;

- J. Diamond, Donald Schmitt and Company - urban design, planning, architecture and interior design.
- N. L. Hushion and Associates - management expertise in cultural planning and development.
- Vermeulens Inc. - construction cost control.
- The Yolles Partnership - structural engineering.
- Smith and Andersen - mechanical/electrical design, and energy management.

The consulting group has been busy gathering information from existing resources and a number of interested groups for inclusion in their final report.

GUILD MEETING AT LAURIER

By the time of the special meeting that took place on September 21 at Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the newly selected consulting group had distilled the mound of information down to the following two options.

- A theatre with a year-round program of performing arts productions, Master Classes, Visiting Artists and a Biennial Garden Festival, coupled with a smaller, elegant Inn, Conference Centre, Restaurant.

The theatre in this case could be either a 400-seat permanent indoor theatre or an outdoor theatre for summer use only involving a much lighter pavilion-type construction that could accommodate more than 400 people, depending on demand and cost.

- The Bickford Wing as an Arts Training and Presentation Centre, with Master Classes, a permanent 400-seat indoor theatre, a rehearsal space, community art studios and a Garden Festival.

Their presentation at the meeting indicated that they have given careful consideration to maintaining the environmental integrity of the site, while at the same time recognizing that a rejuvenation of the site will mean increased pressure on parking facilities and the importance of handling this issue appropriately.

Approximately 130 residents attended, and in general gave the presentation a good reception. However there were concerns expressed regarding proposed activities on the site and the parking and traffic problems that could result. There was also some concern from the floor about the need for a permanent 400-seat theatre.

Support was expressed for the Guild's continued use as a conference centre, as well as incorporating a casual / family dining facility that could include a pub, and a greatly improved main restaurant. What also seemed clear from the reaction of those residents who attended, was that any development should try to keep the impact on the site's natural environment to a minimum.

Further information will be included in future News & Views.

Mary Ellen Berwick, GVCA President

NEWS & VIEWS

EDITOR

The News and Views is looking for an Editor.

If you have an interest in desktop publishing and would like to help the Association with

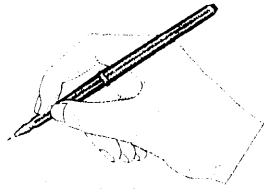
this newsletter, please call the GVCA Hot Line at 410-2755.

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DEAR EDITOR

For the past few years, my wife and I along with many others, have quite enjoyed the lovely flower display in the Rosa and Spencer Clark parkette.



A few days ago we chatted briefly with Walter Young of 71 Prince Plip, who was tending the flower beds and setting up the watering system he had devised.

We asked him if he had help with the project, and he said mainly his family. He seemed discouraged by the lack of interest or appreciation, and said he would not get involved next year. I'm sure you'll agree, it would be a loss.

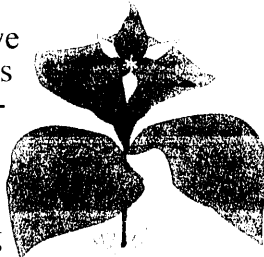
Perhaps a mention in the News & Views might encourage him to continue, and perhaps some readers might even volunteer to assist in the planting and maintenance.

*Sid Dunkerley, Catalina Dr.
261-6033*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION!

The GVCA would like to extend its appreciation to Walter Young on Prince Philip for his continuing dedicated efforts to keep the flowers blooming in the Rosa and Spencer Clark parkette on the corner of Guildwood Parkway, and Prince Philip Drive.

The flower beds that have been established in this parkette contribute significantly to the beauty of the neighbourhood and create a very pleasant diversion for anyone walking through it. However, as much as we all enjoy having these flower beds, there have been few people, if anyone willing to volunteer an hour or two on an occasional basis to help with the planting and regular maintenance. It's also unrealistic to expect Walter to continue this on his own.



So please contact Walter if you're able to help at 266-5600.

In the meantime...

THANKS Walter!

M. E. Berwick, President

CLIFFHANGER PRODUCTIONS

This summer the Guild Inn Gardens became home to Scarborough's first professional theatre company when Cliffhanger Productions presented "Bluffer's Moon" by Christine Foster.

Over 1800 children and their families enjoyed the exploits of a brother and sister who craved adventure in the backwoods of Ontario a hundred years ago. This proved to be a very popular and unique program, drawing its audience from daycare centres, children's day camps, and other residents both in the Guildwood Community and elsewhere in Metro.

Cliffhanger Productions is dedicated to excellent family audience productions, specializing in innovative dramatizations of myths, legends, fables, and folktales from all cultures. The company is proposing to remount "Bluffer's Moon" at Black Creek Pioneer Village, and to introduce a new production based on a story from the Scottish Highlands to the Guild Inn Gardens next year.

Mary Ellen Berwick, President of GVCA

ART NATURALLY AT THE GUILD

August 7 - 9, 1998

This annual event organized by the Scarborough Arts Council again drew considerable interest from both in and outside the community.

There was a variety of very high-quality exhibitors representing a variety of arts and craft areas such as painting, pottery, photography, sculpture, stained glass, folk art, jewellery, hand-made clothing, contemporary doll collectables, floral arrangements, woodworking, and toys.

Although the overcast skies contributed to a slight drop in attendance to 3,000 people, it did not deter the Robert Desrosiers Dance Theatre from delivering outstanding performances on both Friday and Saturday nights to devoted audiences. This also served to highlight the Greek theatre and illustrate its natural capacity as a performance space.

M E. Berwick

CLEAN AND GREEN



A group of residents held a fall clean-up and are planning one for the spring.

We welcome your ideas and help in keeping our neighbourhood clean and green.

Interested? Call 282-7628 for more information and watch this corner for updates.

Judy MacLeod

NEWS FROM LAURIER

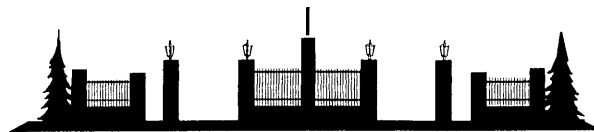
We had an excellent turnout to our first School Council meeting on Monday, September 28. While we still have several vacancies to fill, we are very pleased with the experience and obvious commitment of our new council members.

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Council, 1998 - 1999

Chair	Bert Forrin
Vice-Chair	Larry Tyo
Secretary/Treasurer	Pamela Blanchette
Parent Reps	Oscar Bornico
	Trinela Cane-Hutcheon
	Chris Cole
	Fred Drewry
	Christina Fandino-Sirilli
	Bert Livingstone
	Ken O'Connor
Student Reps	Erika Van Putten
	Tim Lang
Community Rep	Ann Petite

The council will meet once a month. Advance notice of meetings will be posted on the sign in front of the school. Meetings are open to all parents and interested members of the community. This year we plan to post the minutes of all council meetings on the Laurier page of the GVCA website.

We value our relationship with the Guildwood community and welcome inquiries and suggestions.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Guildwood Gates on Kingston Road as well as the gates on Guildwood Parkway, are composites of parts from several locations. They were constructed in 1957.

The gates were originally forged in England in 1839 for the Stanley Barrack, Toronto's military fortification when Canada was still a colony. The Barracks were demolished in 1953 with the exception of what was the Marine Museum on the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition.

The ironwork is from Gibson House, 5 Dale Avenue, Rosedale, home of a prominent family of lawyers and judges. The lights are from Sunnyside Boardwalk.

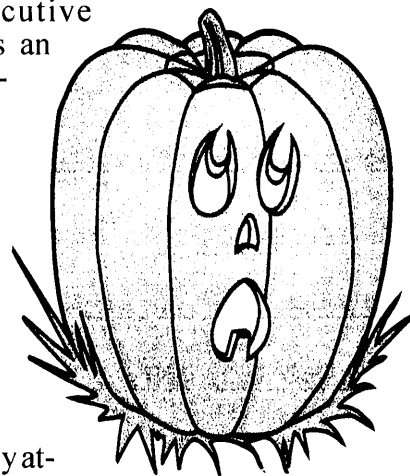
FALL EVENT?

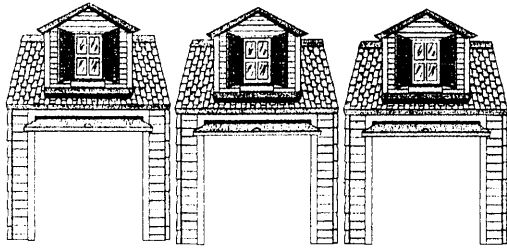
An Octoberfest event has been suggested by a couple of people on the GVCA Executive Committee as an attractive alternative to the Hallowe'en dance.

However, in order for this or any other event to be successful, we need to have some idea of its likely attendance, and whether there will be enough people to organize it.

PLEASE let us know if you like the Octoberfest idea, prefer another type of event, and whether you can help out in any way.

CALL 410-2755





UPDATE ON PROPOSED TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT

A development proposal has been submitted for the former Petro Canada site at Guildwood Parkway & Rowatson Road.

Last April a Community Information Meeting was held at Sir Wilfrid Laurier C. I. regarding the Kingslake Group's proposal to amend the zoning bylaw so that 15 townhouses can be constructed on this site. The site is currently zoned highway commercial, and needs to be rezoned as residential for the development to go ahead.

The main issues brought forward by residents at this meeting included increased traffic, parking problems, the appearance and durability of the townhouses, whether they are to be owned or rented, and the possible effect on water pressure.

As a result of this meeting, a community working committee was formed that included community representatives, planning staff, the applicant and local Councillors. This group met twice to discuss the site plan and proposed several improvements. These include the following:

- decorative brickwork and the width of windows being reduced on the ends of the buildings on the north side adjacent to Rowatson Road for the benefit of those homeowners whose properties back on to the site.
- a wrought iron fence along Guildwood Parkway
- stipulation that they will be all brick construction, with wood used only for accents.
- the houses fronting on Rowatson be split into two sections so that they don't appear as a monolithic block.

- a 1.8m wooden fence with lattice at the top will provide screening along the north and west sides of the property.

The concerns from the April community meeting were also addressed. Traffic patterns and water pressure were studied with the conclusion that the 15 homes proposed would not have any noticeable impact on traffic in the area, and that there will be no effect on water pressure. As well, no significant increase in demand for parking is anticipated, and for the rare times this would occur, use could be made of plaza parking across the street. The builder is targeting these townhouses to people in an older age group who want to trade in their current homes for something more compact, and still live in the area. This is the same approach being used by this builder on another of his projects at the corner of Markham and Kingston Roads.

Because of the improvements incorporated, the plan was approved by the working committee and will be sent to Toronto Council for its approval on October 14, 1998. Once approval of the City council is gained, a notice will be sent to those Guildwood residents living within 400 feet of the site as required by the Planning Act. This represents one final opportunity for any of these residents who wish to appeal this proposal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Mary Ellen Berwick

REMINDER FOR CHRISTMAS

GVCA MUGS AND T-SHIRTS

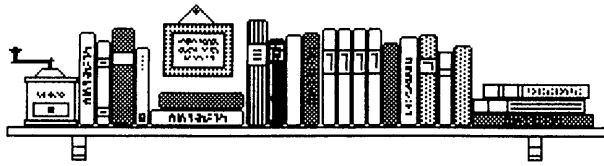


They make a great gift so give us a call at 410-2755 and leave your name, phone number and the number of each

item you wish to purchase and we'll arrange to get them to you.

Travel Mugs	\$ 5.00
T-Shirt	\$ 10.00
Both	\$ 15.00





GUILDWOOD LIBRARY

396-8872

NEW BESTSELLERS (Please Place Requests)

Guildwood Library Staff Summer Reading

Anne Tyler - Patchwork Planet (Joy's choice)

As usual Anne Taylor captures peoples lives – this novel is based around an Agency called Rent –A-Back. It is a really good read!!!

Wilbur Smith - River God (Joy's choice)

Wilbur Smith has started writing about Ancient Egypt again. I enjoy learning some history while reading his books. Very good historical fiction – but a little gory.

Richard Preston Cobra Event (Joy's choice)

From the writer of the Hot Zone this book deals very graphically (do not read right before bed) with the “Cobra Virus”. It is characterized by his up-to-date information on the hunt for killer viruses. It is a gripping and exciting read – but not for sensitive readers (or read it in the afternoon)

Michael Palmer - Miracle Cure (Vicki's choice)

Miracle Cure is a medical suspense novel centering around the Boston Heart Institute and Doctor Top Cardiologists have developed a new miracle heart drug called Vasclear – but is it a miracle? It keeps your interest, especially if you like medical suspense.

At the Library

Mon. & Thurs.	12:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tues, Fri. & Sat.	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday & Wednesday	closed

Jeffrey Deaver - Bone Collector (Vicki's choice)

- Lincoln Rhyme, former head of NYPD Forensics Department has been brought back into a grisly murder case, even though an accident left him a quadriplegic. Keeps you on the edge of your chair.

Elizabeth George - Deception on His Mind (Barbara's choice)

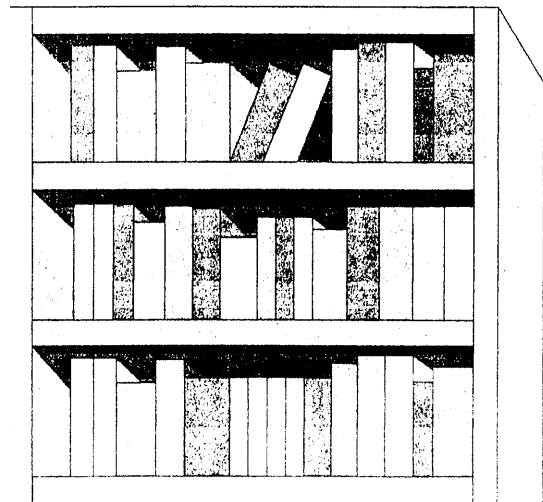
Sergeant Barbara Havers is featured in this story of murder and ethnic strife on England's east coast – besides being a good mystery its an engrossing look at cultures in confrontation.

Jane Hamilton - Map of the World (Barbara's choice)

Very well written, deeply moving story of the tragedies that befall two rural families told from the viewpoints of various major characters.

BEST SELLERS

PLEASE COME IN AND CHECK OUR BOARD
WE HAVE RECEIVED LOTS OF NEW TITLES



Guildwood Village Community Association
Christmas Celebration



at
The Guild Inn
on
Sunday December 6
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

*Join us on the front lawn of
the Guild Inn
for a Festive Evening of
Caroling & a Visit from Santa*

Have a Cup of Hot Chocolate
Bring a Mug or Buy a Mug!
**Buy a GVCA Travel Mug
for only \$ 5.00**
Great Christmas Gift too!



Meet your Neighbours

*Please bring a Tin of Food or
Non-Perishable Item to be donated to
a local food bank.*

Bring a Flashlight - Limited parking at Guild Inn
Outside event weather permitting
Rain Date: Monday, December 7, 6:30pm
Check the GVCA HotLine for Info: 410-2755