

# Guildwood News & Views

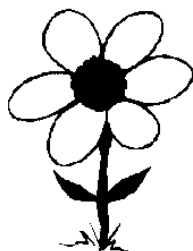


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## Meet Your New Executive

**President - Harry Spindel**  
**Vice-President - Rob Kobayashi**  
**Treasurer - David Tumber**  
**Secretary - Kathleen Wolfe**

The Guildwood Village Community Association Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday, March 30th. It was very well attended by upwards of 100 Guildwoodites who braved the hard pews. So many in fact that we ran out of handouts and some had to share.

The biggest draw was our guest speaker, Inspector Wayne Pye of 42 division. Inspector Pye began his presentation by asking how many people have had their homes broken into. He explained that the best protection for your home is your neighbours. Something that I can personally attest to. Get to know your neighbours well and let them know when you will be away from your home for an extended period of time. How else will they know that the guys loading your TV onto a truck are not actually helping you move.

He went on to point out that Scarborough has less crime per person than anywhere else in the city. However, since we take up 1/5th of the city it tends to look far worse. One of the major issues that we've all heard about in the media is the rise in homicides, which Inspector Pye attributes to gang issues.

He continued to explain some initiatives that are being implemented to help clean up our city and make it a safer place. It was a good presentation and a chance for the community to make their crime and safety concerns heard.

We also heard from Councillor David Soknacki who also pointed out that Guildwood is the safest area in his ward. He continued to update us on the proposal for the Guild Inn and to explain that there is a slight delay due to some concerns by Westeinde Group, however, things are progressing along.

Mary Ann Chambers talked to us briefly about the Rouge Valley Health Care System.

Following the presentations we voted in our new executive. Please join me in giving them a warm welcome and a hearty thanks for helping out the community.

*Deborah Cameron*

### Executive Committee

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**Environment Clean Team** Judy MacLeod

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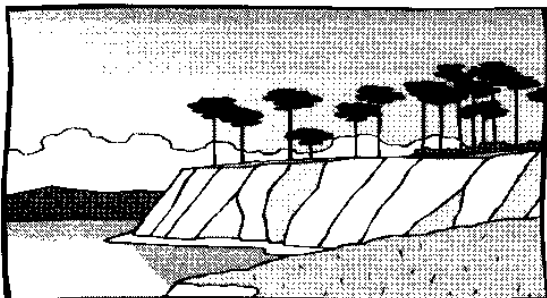
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**Did you know that the Guildwood Village Community Association has its own hotline?**

If you have any questions you would like answered or any issues you would like to bring to our attention, this is the number for you. Call and leave a message anytime. The messages are checked on a regular basis.

**(416) 410-2755**



## Spring Clean-up Day

Please join us for the annual city-wide community clean-up day on Saturday April 24th, 2004.

We will meet at  
 Church of the Holy Trinity,  
 the SE corner of Livingston Rd. and Guildwood Pkwy.,  
 at 9:30 a.m.

Help us make Guildwood sparkle.

*Judy MacLeod*



#### President's Message:

It is with mixed feelings that I write this message. My term of office has come to an end and I will now pass the torch on to the new GVCA president. I have served in this position since June 2002 and it has been a huge challenge and learning experience for me. I have, for the most part, enjoyed my role as "Mrs. President". I loved talking to groups of people and being out and about.

My objective when I took on this position was to get the association back on its feet, so to speak, and to get the community involved and the members informed. I was also deeply concerned about the plight of the Guild Inn and wanted to make sure that the community had input into any decisions that were made regarding the rehabilitation of this site. I feel that I have accomplished my objective and that the community association is in good shape for the new executive committee. I will continue to serve on the executive as Past President.

I am most grateful to the members of the executive committee with whom I have had the privilege to work. Each member contributed in their own way and participated in the decision making process to revitalize the community association. My heartfelt thanks to the executive committee and the volunteers for special activities. I have appreciated your support, guidance and assistance. I feel the group truly represented the interests of the community. We have also developed some positive relationships with the local schools, plaza merchants, our elected officials and other community groups. It has been a pleasure working with Councillor Soknacki and his staff who have been most receptive to any inquiries I have made on behalf of the GVCA and quick to respond and address our concerns.

The coming months will be the busiest for the GVCA. The membership drive, organized by Judy-Anne and David Tumber, will be in full swing by early May. If you missed getting your membership from a canvasser, you can fill in the membership form in this issue and mail it to the GVCA. Our annual community garage sale will be held the last weekend in May - a great time to clean out the basement and make some money. Guildwood Day is promising to be another fun-filled, exciting event which is being organized by John Harris, our new Guildwood Day Coordinator. Thank you to John for stepping in to take on this very important community activity. Cleve Pendock is once again organizing "A day in the Gardens of Guildwood" which will be held in mid July. I highly recommend the garden tour, as it is a great opportunity to not only enjoy the many lovely gardens, but to learn and share gardening tips.

I was very pleased with the community support and attendance at the Annual General Meeting, which was held on March 30th, 2004. Our guest speaker, Inspector Pye began the meeting by speaking candidly about the challenges of crime in Scarborough and some new initiatives to deal with these problems. He assured the Guildwood Community that the police in 41 and 42 Divisions are working together to deal with the gang related violence that we have heard so much about in recent news. Considering the size of 42 Division in relation to the rest of Toronto, we still live in a relatively safe area. Then Councillor Soknacki updated the community on the status of negotiations between the city and the Westeinde Group regarding the rehabilitation of the Guild Inn. A community information meeting about the Guild Inn is still being planned, but will probably not occur until late April or early May. Mary-Anne Chambers, MPP Scarborough East, spoke about concerns related to the health system and changes in services. She also addressed an earlier question during Inspector Pye's presentation regarding trial delays in the criminal justice system and ways in which concerned communities can put pressure on government agencies to rectify this situation.

The business part of the meeting began with the approval of the Minutes of the previous AGM. I would like to thank John Mitchell for serving as Secretary for the past two terms. He did a very thorough job of recording the minutes and dealing with correspondence. He will be leaving the position as Secretary but has agreed to volunteer for certain GVCA activities. The treasurer's report was prepared and presented by John Stafford, who took on the job as acting treasurer for the past several months, replacing Rob Taubmann who was unable to continue this task due to personal reasons. I would like to thank John for taking on this extra duty as well as serving as Vice-President. For the coming term of office, John will continue his position as Distribution Coordinator and volunteer with the GVCA. Committee reports were then presented by the various activity coordinators followed by the election of officers which concluded the meeting.

I would like to congratulate the new executive officers who were elected at the AGM. I feel confident that the community association is in good hands and will continue to represent the community and address our interests and concerns in a positive and constructive manner. If you are interested in becoming involved with the GVCA as a member-at-large or a volunteer, please contact the GVCA info line.

It has been a pleasure!

Donna Milovanovic, Past President

## What is Guildwood Day?

Guildwood Day is always the first Saturday in June, and falls on June 5, 2004 this year. It is always a mild sunny day, and sometimes in the afternoon it gets very hot. It is the first real day to start working on your tan, but in reality, you can start the day off right with a pancake breakfast put on by one of the churches in the heart of Guildwood. (The small fee for this can be paid with the money you made in the Garage Sale the week before).

Guildwood Day is the biggest thing that you get for the \$15 annual family membership fee in the Guildwood Village Community Association, apart from getting the News and Views four times a year. This means that the whole family can take part for free in Guildwood Day ... and it does go all day with just a little lull in late afternoon.

Things start for real with the Guildwood Day parade. Just about anybody/anything can take part in this parade. If you have an old car that is road-worthy, put it in the parade. If you have a business and want to advertise it with your own float or banner, get it into the parade. If you want to promote your baton twirling team, or softball league, local pub, school, or whatever else, show up in Laurier Collegiate's front driveway on Guildwood Parkway soon after 9am. We want a parade to be a parade. The GVCA provides the bands for the parade, and the Emergency Services are usually well represented, and the little tots of Guildwood know that there is a fancy dressed bike section in the parade, and our local politicians take part too in the parade (suitably dressed).

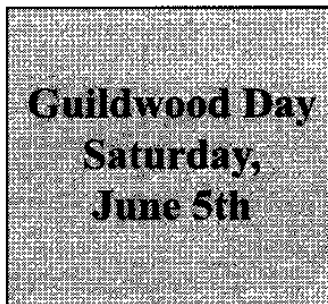
Needless to say, Guildwood Parkway and some of Livingston Rd. are blocked off during the parade, so please be polite if driving a vehicle if you can't get to the plaza for a while.

The parade's route is from Laurier west to Extencicare where it turns round and comes down the other side of Guildwood Parkway past the plaza, and then south on Livingston and into the rear of the Laurier grounds by the west driveway.

The rest of Guildwood Day mostly takes place at the back of Laurier Collegiate. What happens here? Well, they sell memberships in the Guildwood Village Community Association, so bring \$15 with you, and your whole family living with you are then members. You need to know this because you can't take part in the FREE DRAW for prizes that all members can take part in (and we do check!). What else happens on the school grounds during Guildwood Day? All kinds of free stuff for the kids mostly. There's races for different age groups, throwing things through holes, games of chance, and for these there's prizes to be won. Then there's an inflated building to jump up and down in, and pony rides, and perhaps clowns and face painting, and for those who brought more than just \$15, there are vendors and information booths where you can buy plants, pottery, knick knacks and who knows whatever else. The Emergency Services usually have a display for a while too, and you might get a ride in a police helicopter (though it is unlikely). Also present will be members of the other church in the heart of Guildwood, who

will be cooking up hamburgers and hot dogs, so you'll need money for that. (Washrooms are in the school.) If the weather should just not be nice while at Laurier, things move inside the school as much as possible.

This year we will be looking to create a Vintage Automotive Display for the residents to show off their classic wheels. In addition we are considering the very first annual "Guildwood Day Bathtub Race". If you are interested in participating in either of these special activities, please contact John Harris (Guildwood Day Coordinator) at 416-265-5999.



But, the day isn't over yet, because there's the evening entertainment and BBQ, which will likely take place in the Guild Inn woods near the log cabin soon after 6pm. What happens here? Well, you have to show your membership card (and we'll be checking) and then you can come into the woods to play, and eat for free, and drink pop, and listen to the band that do musical requests as well as their own routine. There might even be dancing if people get the urge, but there'll be a lot of neighbourly yacking. And the stuff off the BBQ is unlimited and

all free, and it's all put on by your Guildwood Village Community Association with the help of all kinds of unpaid volunteers.

How do I become an unpaid volunteer for Guildwood's special day? Well, you contact someone from the Executive Committee (listed at front of this paper) or contact the Guildwood Assoc. Infoline at (416) 410-2755 or you just show up on the day at the GVCA table and say "I'm here to help". You can also contact John Harris (Guildwood Day Coordinator) at 416-265-5999.

How do I donate a prize or gift voucher for the prize draw? Well, the same answer as above. The Infoline number is (416) 410-2755

How do I get to be part of the Guildwood Day Parade? Well, you just show up around 9am at Laurier front driveway on Guildwood Day, or call the Infoline to help us keep organized.

When is Guildwood Day? Saturday June 5, 2004. Didn't we start off with that one? See you there!

Cuthbert Fazackerly

**Required for Guildwood Day... Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested in helping out, please contact John Harris (Guildwood Day Coordinator) at 416-265-5999**

### Who Are The People in Your Neighbourhood?

So, you don't like answering surveys, do you? You're not alone! However, some good can come from the surveys you answer.

You may be interested to know that the "west side" of Guildwood is slightly older than the "east side" (Livingston Rd. is a good dividing line, roughly splitting Guildwood's population: 5,006 to the west and 3,969 to the east). Given that women on average live longer than men, it's not surprising that the proportion on the west side is skewed more towards females (54% female/46% male) – unfortunate for the single females out there who are looking, but single men take note! The east side is more balanced 51% female/49% male.

Marital status is fairly consistent throughout Guildwood; just over half of those 15 years and older (7,490 persons) are married, about one-quarter have never been married, 1 in 10 are separated or divorced, and a similar proportion are widowed. Five percent of Guildwoodites live in a common law relationship.

About 1 in 7 families in Guildwood are single-parent families. Roughly half of all couple families on the west side are empty-nesters, while the other half have children still living at home. Given that the east side is of a younger age structure, the proportion with children still at home is somewhat higher.

Three in ten Guildwoodites are immigrants, most often having come

from the United Kingdom. Of non-immigrants, the vast majority are native Ontarians; only 15% were born in another province.

The top 5 ethnic origins in Guildwood are English, Canadian, Scottish, Irish and German.

Since Guildwoodites on the west side are somewhat older, a smaller proportion of those 15 years and over is in the labour force (60% vs. 66% on the east side). About 1 in 10 Guildwoodites in the labour force are self-employed. Business/finance/administration is the most common occupational sector, followed by sales/service and management.

Males in Guildwood make about 1.4 times as much income as females, partly due to the fact that females are less often employed in higher paying professions such as management, and more often in lower paying professions such as administration.

Workers living on the west side more often report taking public transit to work, and females are more likely to use it than males.

Now, aren't you glad you answered that last survey?!

This demographic snapshot of Guildwood was compiled from 2001 Census of Canada data.

*Kathryn Lazarowich*

**For those who are interested in showing off their talents and selling to the guests of Guildwood Day, you may purchase a table for the Vendor Fair by contacting Diane Foote-Taylor (Guildwood Day Vendor Coordinator) at 416-267-0406**

### Guildwood Community Garage Sale

Saturday May 29, 2004 (Rain day Sunday)

No blue box, grey box or green bin needed for this.

Recycle your unwanted belongings in your own driveway, and you keep the profit.

Clear out your basements and garages now, and start to get to know your neighbours on May 29.

The GVCA will advertise our community sale to a wider clientele than Guildwood in Scarborough and Toronto newspapers.

This year, **you** take part.

Don't forget, the early bird gets the worm, so don't sleep in on May 29.

(Guildwood stretches from western end of Sylvan to eastern end of Greyabbey).



## Poplar Road's Famous Strawberry Festival - 2004



Poplar Road Junior Public School is once again hosting its annual fun fair with entertainment for the whole family.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival will be held on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004, from 6pm onwards and includes:

<b>Food</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>Inflatables</b>
<b>Silent Auction</b>	<b>Choose Your Own Raffle</b>	<b>Bake Sale</b>
<b>Basket Raffle</b>	<b>Grand Raffle</b>	<b>Wishing Well</b>

And of course our famous Strawberry Tarts, baked by our very own Guildwood Bakery & Deli.

Admission is a food bank donation or a loonie.

The Strawberry Festival started in 1962 as a neighbourhood social tea, and has developed into Poplar Road School's main fundraising event. The event is supported by hundreds of generous donors and volunteers. All funds raised go directly back into the school for additional services and supplies for Poplar Road students.

For details, call Steve Kemp, Principal, at (416) 396-6525.



### Guildwood Softball Association

[www.scarboroughsoftball.ca/guildwood](http://www.scarboroughsoftball.ca/guildwood)

*The Guildwood Softball Association is preparing for another exciting summer of softball. Guildwood Softball is one of the stronger leagues associated with the Scarborough Softball Association, and has been a long-standing tradition in Guildwood for over 35 years. Children, as young as 4 years, as well as adults, participate in the league. Although there is a small competitive element, as with most sports, the main goal is for everyone to enjoy themselves and develop their softball skills.*

Open Registration Days will be held on the following days:

- Guildwood Plaza Cornerstone Café, April 17, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Morningside Mall (Outside of Dominion store) April 24, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

In addition youth registration forms will be distributed in local schools.

The summer season will begin soon, and we encourage you to complete the registration form early.

If you have questions, leave a message on our phone line (416) 281-0253, and the appropriate person will contact you.

We also have a website, where you can obtain copies of the registration forms; key dates and schedule details:  
[www.scarboroughsoftball.ca/guildwood](http://www.scarboroughsoftball.ca/guildwood).

## News from Elizabeth Simcoe Jr. Public School

### New Faces

The 2003/2004 academic year brought some new faces to Elizabeth Simcoe. In September 2003, students, staff and Simcoe families were pleased to welcome our new Principal, Martha Gottschling to the helm at Simcoe. Some of you may remember Mrs. Gottschling when she taught at Simcoe in the early 1990s. In December, we also welcomed our new School Administrator, Wendy Quartarone. Wendy has taken over the reins from Ann Redford, who retired in October from the Toronto District School Board after a 25-year career, including the last four years at Simcoe. A friend of many and a long-time resident of Guildwood Village, we wish Ann a wonderful 'life of leisure' in her retirement.

### School Pride

Last May, Simcoe families and students worked together to break the sod and create two "eco-gardens" in the west part of our front yard. Both "eco-gardens" contain only native heritage perennial plants. With the generous support of two separate grants from the Evergreen Foundation and TD Canada Trust and the dedication of students and parent volunteers who tended the garden through the summer, our unique garden is thriving. In the fall, a group of 'dedicated Simcoe dads', further improved our front yard with a new bench covering the old concrete structure, and originally built in the 1960's. Special thanks to our next door neighbours, the Rowlands, for providing the much needed electricity to keep the power tools going through the weekend.

This spring Simcoe families will be busy constructing a 6' x 6' wooden planter to help disguise the large area of asphalt on the main lawn. The planter will house plants or vegetables and serve as a learning area for our children. In the rear of the school, plans are underway to beautify the play area for the children, by creating several playground games, such as hopscotch.

Prior to her retirement, Ann Redford, along with the children in the school, started up the 2003-2004 Simcoe Gardening Club and worked on the gardens in the east part of the front yard. The children, staff and parents are looking forward to her return as a volunteer with her gardening gloves this coming spring.

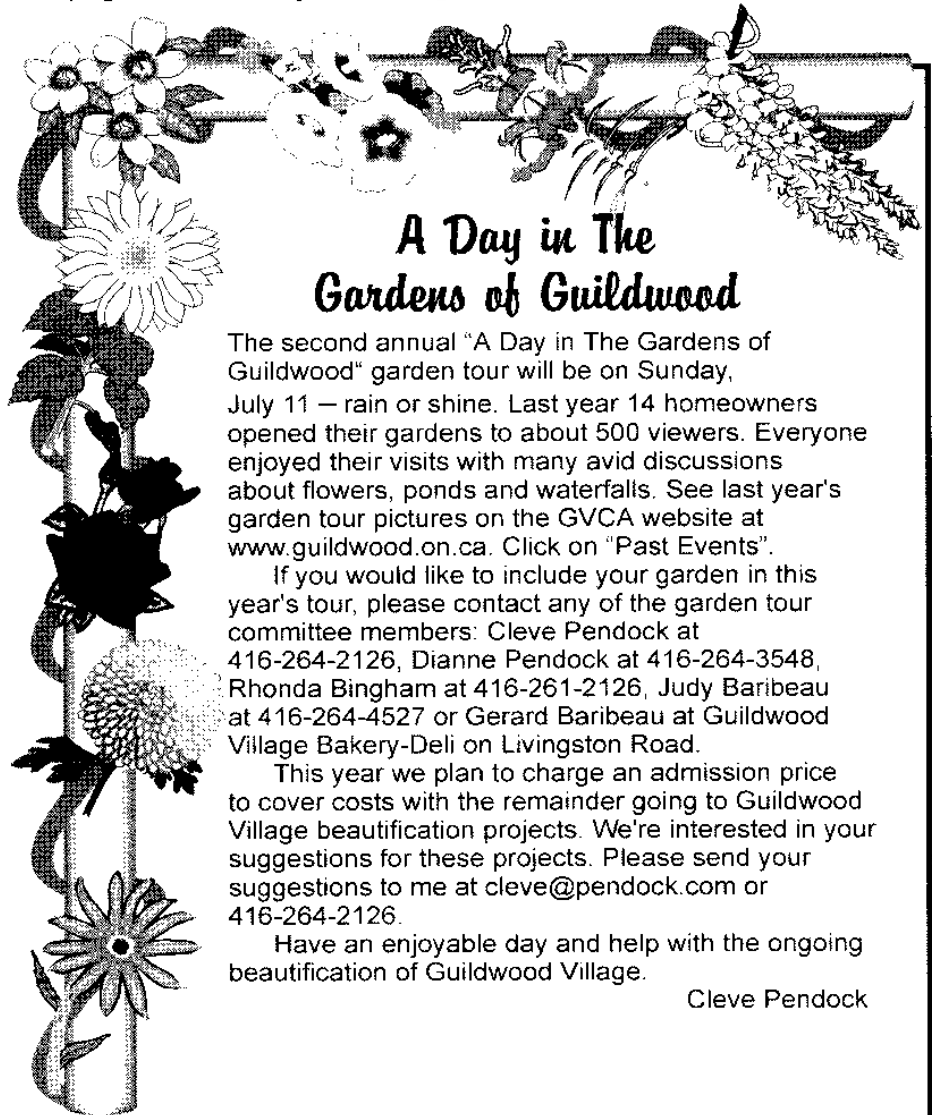
Within the school walls, and thanks to the tenacity of Mrs. Gottschling and our caretaking staff, improvements are also being made much needed repairs to the washrooms; fresh paint and new carpeting in the administration offices; new carpeting in the library; new flooring in one of the classrooms; and new equipment for the kindergarten children. We're proud of the progress we're making in enhancing our

school, and providing our children with a clean, safe and healthy learning environment.

### Giving Back to the Community

In September, Simcoe students and staff participated in the Annual Terry Fox Toonie Run, raising approximately \$400.00 to fight cancer.

Once again, we invited Simcoe families and our neighbouring community to participate in our annual Angel Tree program in late November. We were pleased with the response and received a total of 235 new gifts of toys and clothing. The gifts were delivered to West Hill Community Services Operation Christmas – and distributed to families-in-need. Many thanks to everyone



## A Day in The Gardens of Guildwood

The second annual "A Day in The Gardens of Guildwood" garden tour will be on Sunday, July 11 – rain or shine. Last year 14 homeowners opened their gardens to about 500 viewers. Everyone enjoyed their visits with many avid discussions about flowers, ponds and waterfalls. See last year's garden tour pictures on the GVCA website at [www.guildwood.on.ca](http://www.guildwood.on.ca). Click on "Past Events".

If you would like to include your garden in this year's tour, please contact any of the garden tour committee members: Cleve Pendock at 416-264-2126, Dianne Pendock at 416-264-3548, Rhonda Bingham at 416-261-2126, Judy Baribeau at 416-264-4527 or Gerard Baribeau at Guildwood Village Bakery-Deli on Livingston Road.

This year we plan to charge an admission price to cover costs with the remainder going to Guildwood Village beautification projects. We're interested in your suggestions for these projects. Please send your suggestions to me at [cleve@pendock.com](mailto:cleve@pendock.com) or 416-264-2126.

Have an enjoyable day and help with the ongoing beautification of Guildwood Village.

Cleve Pendock

who contributed to this worthwhile program.

### **Enriched Through the Arts**

Our Remembrance Day Assembly was an emotional one with the Junior Choir singing and signing to an inspirational song, entitled "Cranes over Hiroshima" written by Fred Small; and a dramatic poetry reading of "War, Peace and Hope". The assembly was attended by students, staff, parents and grandparents.

Our Winter Concert was held at the end of January, featuring the kindergartens, the primary and junior choirs, the grade five and six bands, and a percussion presentation of "One Love" by the grade 6s.

Our Drama Club will also be presenting their dramatic interpretation of Peter Pan at the end of April.

We continue to have bi-monthly Appreciation Assemblies organized and hosted by the grade 6s. These assemblies were recently recognized in "Students First: Building on Excellence" published by the Director of Education. In this magazine David Reid has written "It's a chance to recognize new and interesting events that are happening at Elizabeth Simcoe and to mark student achievements. ....It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the people and things that make Elizabeth Simcoe a great place to learn and play."

Through the fundraising efforts of a very active Elizabeth Simcoe Parent's Group, and the generous participation of Simcoe families in the many fundraising initiatives underway, the children have enjoyed a dramatic presentation of "Masks"; a holiday musical show by Chris McKhool; and classroom visits from Scientists in the School. A special thanks goes to all those people who work so hard to bring these enriching activities to life at Simcoe.

For more information about past and upcoming activities at Elizabeth Simcoe, please visit our web site at <http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/elizabethsimcoe>.

*Elizabeth Simcoe School Council*

### **The History of Washington Church**

A book "The History of Washington Church and it's Community from 1803", written by Anne Ellis-Taylor celebrates the 200th anniversary of that church. It also details its beginning from the first meetings in the pioneer inn of Levi Annis, served by itinerant circuit readers, through the first frame church to the present. Also described are the early route of Kingston Road and it's toll gates; the first cabin in Scarborough, the first schools, churches and mail deliveries and highlights of our community life to the present. The book will be available from the church office in April. (416-267-8265)

*Anne Ellis-Taylor*

## **Kiwaniwood Tennis Club**

Kiwaniwood Guildwood Tennis Club, located in the park behind Elizabeth Simcoe School (on Sylvan Ave.), is gearing up for another great tennis season. We welcome returning members and new members alike. Our four courts have recently been re-surfaced, and we arguably have one of the best tennis clubs in Scarborough: friendly members, peaceful surroundings, free tennis lessons for new Adult members and all Junior members, numerous competitive teams entered in the Scarborough Tennis Federation's weekly matches, two evening Round-Robins, social events and more. To find out more, or for an application brochure, please call our Membership Director, Phil Yeoman, at (416) 267-4450.

### **Guildwood Junior Public School**

3rd Annual Spring Fair

Saturday May 29th 9a.m. - 3p.m. (rain date Sunday)

225 Livingston Road (just south of the GO Station)

Table Vendors including crafters,  
small business and junk collectors

Toy and Book Sale



Liek's Homeburgers B.B.Q.

Tim Horton's Coffee and Donuts in the morning



Raffles

Giant Slide and Games for the kids

Perennial Plant Sale (with experts on site for advice)





### A Message from David Soknacki

Dear Guildwood Villagers,

My office recently received a progress report from Windmill/Westeinde Developments describing their work on the Guild Inn. Many of you will remember we had a community meeting at the end of last summer to introduce area residents to the tentative concepts being considered for the Guild Inn property.

Since then Windmill/Westeinde has been diligently working on it's planning and research. While I was optimistically hoping that my office by now would be reporting back to the community this will not yet be the case. My office is hoping to be co-hosting another meeting by sometime near the end of April, with Windmill/Westeinde to review their site plan for the Guild.

The company is in the final stages of determining who they would like to partner with in each of the different components of the project. They have promised to send correspondence to the City in preparation of their site plan application outlining their existing view of the opportunity and challenges with the Guild, a negotiating path going forward that they are willing to commit to, the development and planning work they are willing to perform in parallel to the negotiation effort, and also a summary of the deal terms they will be looking to address.

Many citizens have been asking about security around the Guild Inn. Currently Parks & Recreation staff keeps an eye on the buildings and surrounding grounds while they work. After hours the City has hired a private security firm to be present at all times in the evening, nights, and weekends, until a security system is installed. It is estimated this will be completed in early April. At that time the private security will be replaced by a regular after-hours mobile security checks from the Parks & Recreation Department

In other related news along the waterfront, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is in the process of completing an Environmental Assessment for shoreline work below the Guild Inn from Galloway Rd to Livingston Rd. Once done this will allow construction to begin. Local residents will remember similar work done by the TRCA below Sylvan Ave. The TRCA is also in the formative stages of creating a Community Liaison Committee (CLC) for work it will be doing at the foot of the Bluffs from Morningside Ave to Galloway Rd. If you live in the immediate vicinity of this work and have some time to give by joining their CLC, please contact my Executive Assistant, Paul Ainslie at 416 392-4007, and he ensure the TRCA receives your contact information

Continuing on the environmental front there are a couple of other "good news" items to report. The City has decided that as of March 1st it will be permanently closing the Morningside Recycling Yard. My office worked with staff to have the yard opened last Spring every other Saturday, after it was initially closed due to budget constraints. After reviewing the volume of recyclables collected over the last year, it was decided once again that the yard was just not a feasible expenditure for the Works Department. This was caused mainly by the successful blue/grey box collection services for single-family resi-

dential homes, and also a new recycling program, which was introduced into many of our area apartment buildings

On May 16th, my office will be hosting our annual Compost Day. Guild area residents will be able to pick up compost for their gardens and lawns at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate. Closer to the day we will be sending out a flyer to remind people of both the time and location. My compost day will be followed in October with my annual Environment Day. Just in time for Fall household cleaning!

I welcome your comments on any municipal matter and the opportunity to be of service. My regularly updated website at [www.soknacki.com](http://www.soknacki.com), contains information on local organizations, news and events at City Hall. You can also communicate by email at [councillor\\_soknacki@city.toronto.on.ca](mailto:councillor_soknacki@city.toronto.on.ca), phone me at 416 396 7222, or send a fax to 416 392 4006. Alternatively you can visit Joan Bannister, my full-time Constituency Assistant on the second floor of the Scarborough Civic Centre.

David Soknacki, Councillor  
Scarborough East

### Guildwood Day Parade

Do you have a child who would like to ride a decorated bike or wagon in the parade?

Do you have an old car that is roadworthy?

Do you want to advertise a business your own float or banner?

Do you want to promote your baton twirling team, or softball league, local pub, school or whatever else?

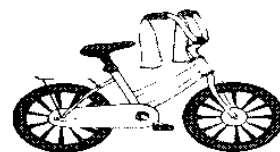
Or do you just want to walk in the parade to say you did?

If so show up in Laurier Collegiate's front driveway on Guildwood Parkway soon after 9am.

The GVCA provides the bands for the parade. The Emergency Services are usually well represented, although we keep losing the fire truck to emergency calls.

Our local politicians take part too in the parade (suitably dressed).

Don't forget, Guildwood Parkway and some of Livingston Rd. are blocked off during the parade, so please be polite if driving a vehicle if you can't get to the plaza for a while.



### A Guild Inn Treasure

A short while ago, there came to my doorstep a photocopy of a menu from The Guild from approximately 1965. The menu is an absolute treasure. Special thanks to Doris M. Whiddett for providing us with a copy and to Wally and Mavis Kindred who kept the menu all these years.

Dinner for this particular day, started with a choice of appetizers. Iced Celery Hearts, Radish Roses, Assorted Olives or Chef's Salad with Guild French or Roquefort Dressing or Iced Jumbo Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Cocktail. Any of these three could be had for \$1.35. They also had Cream of Spinach Soup, Fruit Cocktail Maraschino, Consomme Au Sherry or Vichysoisse.

A sampling of the main entree goes like this:

Cold half Maritime Lobster with Thousand Island Dressing

Cold Red Spring Salmon with Combination Salad Garni

Roast Prime Ribs of Beef, Au Jus, Yorkshire

Broiled Sirloin Steak, "Guild Inn" (At \$5.00, this is the most expensive item on the entree menu.)

Seafood Omelette, A La Newburg (At \$3.00, this is the least expensive item on the entree menu.)

These came with Broiled Tomato Parmesan, Asparagus Spears, Au Beurre and Parsley Steamed New Potato.

Some of the desserts included, Ice Cream Puff Supreme, Baked Caramel Cup Custard, Iced California Cantaloupe, Chocolate Eclair or Boston Cream Pie with Sliced Strawberries. There was also an assortment of five cheeses.

For those with a thirst, cocktails ranged from \$0.55 for a Dubonnet to \$1.15 for a Champagne Cocktail. They also have listed The Guild Inn Special, The Guild Inn Cocktail and Scarborough Bluffs. Unfortunately, they do not list ingredients so the contents of these cocktails is a mystery. A large selection of wines were available from Mumm's Cordon Rouge for \$13.50 a bottle to Chateau Gai Tablewine at \$3.25 for a bottle. A Harvey's Bristol Cream would have set you back \$1.00 while a pint of Canadian beer would have cost \$0.40. For the non-drinkers, a pint of gingerale could be had for \$0.35 and a coca cola split for \$0.20.

*Deborah Cameron*

### A Short Story of The Guild

*The back two pages of the menu contain a short story of the Guild which I have copied below. When reading this please keep in mind that this story was written in the mid 1960's and may describe features that are no longer there or have been moved.*

The Guild of All Arts, to give it's original name, began in 1932, in the depth of the great depression. The name was expressive; for within a year, there were working shops in wood, wrought-iron, pewter and copper, hand-loom weaving, batiks, tooled-leather and ceramics. In succeeding years, expression was given to many of the fine livey arts, through plays, recitals, exhibitions, and instruction in drawing, painting, etching and in music.

Attracted by the activities and the beauty of the setting, visitors came in increasing numbers. Dining facilities were added, and guest rooms followed, until The Guild became a flourished Country Inn uniquely situated

in the midst of its craft activities. Property was added to protect the original setting and to provide the recreational requirements of a resort hotel, until the land extended from the highway to the lake.

And so The Guild progressed, until the second world war intervened. It was soon caught in the mounting vortex of that great activity. Enlistments in the services and material priorities limited many departments. Thousands of Guild looms, however, went into service centres, camps and hospitals. Intricate models were also made of the engineering development of war equipment.

During the winter of 1942-43 The Guild became officially "H.M.C.S. Bytown II", when accommodation was provided for training the first group of fifty "Wrens", to release men from radio duty along the Atlantic seaboard. Soon thereafter the entire property was requisitioned to become "Scarborough Hall", a specialized military hospital patterned after "Mill Hill" in England. For the next four years the restful grounds of The Guild contributed much to those afflicted by the war.

In 1947 the Government vacated and The Guild began rebuilding. Many of the original craftsmen send their work to the Craft Display Shop though they themselves have re-established elsewhere. Throughout the buildings and gardens visitors will find much evidence of the artist-craftsman. All wrought-iron was forged in the shop which stood beside the Studio Building. Walls of main-floor rooms are covered with material handwoven in The Guild's own looms.

The garden statue of "St. Francis and The Wolf" was sculptured here by Thos. Bowie, Director of Sculpture at the Ontario College of Art; and dedicated by Dr. Lorne Pierce, long and great editor of the Ryerson Press whom Queen's University has commemorated for his contributions to Canadian Literature. Dr. Pierce himself wrote the manuscript of his classic "William Kirby" while living on The Guild estate.

Many inspiring works have been drawn from abroad; the marble statues in the entrance foyer - the "Muses of Painting and Music", came from the original home of Sir Thomas Beecham. The painting "Henrietta Maria", is one of the few great Van Dycks in Canada. Henrietta Maria was the wife of Charles I of England and daughter of Henri of Navarre of France, who sent Champlain to explore Canada. The Swan of the garden fountain, purchased at the Royal Academy, was sculptured by Peter Hills from the bombed keystone of London's Burlington Arcade.

These grounds are steeped in history. Scarborough's heights have been visited by Canada's Governors for over three centuries. Elizabeth Simeoc, wife of the first Governor of Upper Canada gave the name of Scarborough in 1793 after the famous bluffs of Scarborough, England.

The Governor himself owned part of the property and the sister of one of his successors was a co-founder of The Guild.

The old Log Cabin, still reposing on The Guild Estate, is one of the oldest buildings of this Province and has been occupied almost continuously since it was built a century and a half ago. Today, it houses a priceless collection of Canadiana. Alexander Macdonnell, a member of the famous Butler's Rangers and Speaker of the House in 1804 once owned the property; as did Hon. Duncan Cameron, Provincial Secretary and Registrar of Upper Canada; followed by John Ewart, one of the Crown Commissioners, whose daughter married Sir Oliver Mowat, Premier of Ontario.

After officially opening Upper Canada Village, Sir John Johnson, whose ancestors played so large a part in the settlement both of New York State and this Province of Ontario, came specially to see The Guild, the Bluffs and to inspect additional records of his family's illustrious past. It was his most famous ancestor, Sir William Johnson who founded Johnstown, New York and who led the British and Indian forces which captured Fort Niagara in 1759, and thus tipped the scales, prior to the American Revolution, for the vast interior of this continent to fall under British influence.

The Central portion of the main Guild Inn was built in 1914 by Col. Harold Bickford, later General Bickford who commanded the Canadian force which landed at Vladivostok in 1919 while the Americans landed at Archangle, and the British and French invaded Russia through Poland. General Bickford was an uncle to Commander Bickford of the submarine "Salmon" famous for many daring exploits during the second world war.

And since The Guild began, new history has been added to rich old history, Toronto's beloved Sir Ernest Macmillan spent a month at The Guild composing. The Hambourg brothers, Mark from England, Jan from Paris, and Boris spent another month rehearsing for their American concert tour. Sir Cedric Hardwicke has been here. Sir John Gielgud, Rex Harrison and Lilli Palmer, Moira Shearer, Francis

Lederer, Dorothy and Lillian Gish and a host of others. Letters from Albert Einstein arrived regularly for years. Prime Ministers, Ambassadors and the greats from almost every race and nation have entered these buildings and trod these grounds.

There is much of interest to see both within and without the buildings -

- The Scarborough Bluffs, nearly 200 feet high in front of The Guild, composed of five great layers of clay, laid down by succeeding glaciers, and separated by strata of sand, each representing the level of an ancient lake. The

Bluffs are known by geologists throughout the world for here they have gained more knowledge of glacial history than from any other point on earth. Toronto's own

Prof. A.P. Coleman unlocked their mysteries and in so doing brought scientific fame to himself and his university. Lake Iroquois, which followed the last ice age, some 16,000 years ago, covered the land of The Guild and flowed down the Hudson before it receded to the present Lake Ontario.

- all the iron of the broad gates, as one enters Guildwood Village from the highway, was forged in England in 1839 and for the next 112 years formed the entrance to Stanley Barracks, Toronto's main military fortification. The Marine Museum at the Canadian National Exhibition is the last of the Stanley Barracks Buildings. Pews and other relics of the Garrison church which served the Barracks are also preserved at The Guild.

- the garden Maze, a replica of the world's most famous one, at Hampton Court Palace, planted by Henry VIII, 400 years ago, and containing nearly half a mile of internal passages.

- the granite monument of Robert Holmes, Canada's greatest painter of wild flowers, donated by Wallace Havelock Robb, the poet of Abbey Dawn.

- the working model of The Great Seal of Canada for the reign of Queen Elizabeth II,

executed by The Guild's resident sculptor: - the carved desk of Prince Christopher and Princess Anastasia of Greece, great Aunt and Uncle of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, from which all Royalty of the great Victorian era were many times addressed.

- the "Great Snail" or ammonite, a perfect fossil some sixty million years of age, donated by Thomas Dreier, writer and philosopher who has contributed much to the libraries of America.

- mementos of Lord Lee of Fareham, who donated "Chequers", country home of British Prime Ministers, and the "Lee Collection" to the royal Ontario Museum; of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Rt. Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King, Lord Bennett and Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, great Prime Ministers of Canada; of Lord Nuffield, Seebohm Rowntree, the Cadburys, Sir Theodore Chambers, Sir Ernest Simon and Lord Leverhulme, all of whom, in building great industries, also pioneered so much of social benefit; of Sir Raymond Unwin; Dr. Karl Boehm, renowned conductor of Vienna and the Berlin Philharmonic; Carl Milles, one of the greatest sculptors of modern times; Sir Chas. G.D. Roberts, Dr. E.J. Pratt and Wilson Macdonald, Canada's great poets, the latter of whom continues to enrich the life of his native land. Many of these have been to The Guild and to all is owed some debt of gratitude, though it be but an inspiration.

Those whose privilege it has been to found and build The Guild, and who continue to guide its destinies, trust that you who come, as our guests, will find within these grounds and walls, some of the good things of life and perhaps, from the beauties and history hereabout, form memories that will be cherished.

**These grounds are steeped in history.**

The problem with the world is ignorance and apathy; but most people don't know and don't care!

**GVCA Membership Drive 2004**

**April 24th to May 9th**

We live in a vibrant community which reminds me of a small town full of friendly, concerned neighbours. In Guildwood each resident has the opportunity to have a voice in community activities and concerns through membership in the GVCA. An active Community Association is rare these days, so we should appreciate the efforts of the GVCA on our behalf .

By now most of you should have had a canvasser come to your door to sell a membership card for 2004. If, for some reason, you have not been contacted personally, you can still purchase one. Memberships are available at the **GUILDWOOD BAKERY** or at my home, **203 SYLVAN AVE.** You may also send in the coupon on this page, along with your payment of \$15.00 to the GVCA Post Office Box.

Our Membership Drive is dependent on volunteers and Iwe appreciate each person who serves as an Area Co-ordinator or a Canvasser. Even more importantly, the GVCA depends on each one of you to support our Guildwood Community through the purchase of a membership card.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Judy-Anne Tumber  
(416)264-6016



**Guildwood Village Community Associaton  
Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Would anyone in your household be interested in volunteering in any of the following ways?

- Canvassing for membership
- Contributions to News and Views
- Become involved in the Exccutive
- Distribution of News and Views
- Help on Guildwood Day
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Return application along with payment of \$15.00 to:  
GUILDWOOD BAKERY or  
203 SYLVAN AVE. or mail to:

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