



## PROUD TO BE A FRIEND



Marjorie Harris,  
editor-at-large  
of *Gardening  
Life* magazine  
and garden  
columnist for the  
*Globe and Mail*

“ I became a Friend of the Toronto Botanical Garden because I think the TBG is one of the most important cultural institutions in the city. It brings together people from such a variety of backgrounds that it’s always exciting being there and, in many ways, it’s the only place that serves this function. Being a Friend means I’m more likely to show up at events (since it’s all part of the package); I like getting advance information; and there is a great deal of pride in being associated with such a wonderful place. ”

## With More Than a Little Help from Our Friends

**T**he Toronto Botanical Garden has been transformed from a local civic hub for gardening groups formed in 1958 into an award-winning centre of environmental and horticultural education. Throughout the years, the TBG has been extremely fortunate to have dedicated supporters, volunteers and allied partners who have assisted in creating our programs, award-winning building and the first botanical garden for our city. Through the support of our Friends, the Toronto Botanical Garden is able to educate, demonstrate, promote and reach out to the community in order to offer services that enhance the lives of children and families and the communities in which they live.

In just seven years, the number of our Friends has grown from 22 to over 200 and they have donated more than \$280,000 to support the educational and outreach programs that the TBG proudly offers. Each dollar raised has an impact on everyday lives. In 2006 we helped educate more than 10,000 adults and 5,000 children about the importance of gardening, the environment and our connection to the world in which we live.

In 2007 we aim to reach out into new communities, educate more inner city children, assist youth in preparing for their first jobs, mentor new environment educators and open our garden gates to more visitors. With the support of our Friends we can offer these and many other programs in our attempts to help create a healthier and greener city.

### FREE E-NEWSLETTER

Receive advance notice of TBG activities by signing up for *Garden E-News*, the TBG’s electronic newsletter. Complete the form on page 4 and start receiving updates about our exciting events, courses and programs now!



PHOTO: TOM ARBAN

### ABOUT THE TORONTO BOTANICAL GARDEN



**S**ince its inception in 1958, the Toronto Botanical Garden has encouraged, stimulated and educated countless Canadian gardeners. Almost 50 years later, the Toronto Botanical Garden has expanded its vision and set a goal of becoming a self-sustaining urban oasis while making Toronto the most horticulturally enlightened city in the world.

**MISSION:** Toronto Botanical Garden is a volunteer-based, charitable organization whose purpose is to inspire passion, respect and understanding of gardening, horticulture, the natural landscape and a healthy environment.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Green Living Show

April 27 to 29, 2007

Direct Energy Centre

Exhibition Place

Visit the Toronto Botanical Garden booth in the Urban Forest at the Green Living Show, Toronto's first consumer show dedicated to all things green. For more information, visit [www.greenlivingshow.ca](http://www.greenlivingshow.ca).

## TBG Collectable Plant Sale

May 8 to 11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Rare and unusual perennials, heirloom and ornamental vegetables, fragrant and hardy roses, dwarf evergreens, new shrub introductions, native plants and much more!

- New plant introductions and hot colours for 2007
- Piet Oudolf plant combinations
- Free landscape planning and plant selection advice
- Unique plants found in the Toronto Botanical Garden
- Planting assistance for ready-to-take-home containers & urns

All levels of Friends may pre-order plants and pick up orders during the special Friends Exclusive Shopping Evening, Tuesday, May 8, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Bring a friend. This event includes a half-hour seminar with Marion Jarvie and

a 10-per-cent discount on purchases. R.S.V.P. by May 1.

## Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the TBG Gardens

May 15 to September 15

President's Circle members are invited to a customized tour of our newly planted gardens, guided by a Master Gardener. Bring friends or family members along to this special event for a lovely and informative stroll through Toronto's first botanical garden. Contact Sarah Durnan at 416-397-1483 or [friends@torontobotanicalgarden.ca](mailto:friends@torontobotanicalgarden.ca) at least three weeks in advance to make arrangements. Custom tour topics can be prearranged.

## Private Garden Party

May 30, noon

Director's Circle and President's Circle members are invited to a tour of a private garden followed by lunch with Albert Fulton, archivist of Wychwood Park, who will uncover the hidden treasures of this historic neighbourhood. R.S.V.P. by May 15 to reserve your spot.

## Through The Garden Gate

June 16 and 17,

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This self-guided walking tour highlights the private gardens of



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Wychwood Park and Davenport Ridge and the Spadina House Historic Garden. One-day pass includes: comprehensive garden guide; access to over 20 beautiful private gardens; complimentary shuttle service throughout the day, with stops at the St. Clair West and Dupont subway stations, Spadina House and gardens on the tour; and knowledgeable volunteers in each garden to help identify plants and points of interest. ONE-DAY PASS: PUBLIC \$40; MEMBERS \$35  
Benefactor, Director's Circle and President's Circle members receive two complimentary tickets to Through the Garden Gate. Director's Circle and President's Circle members are invited to an exclusive advance tour of selected gardens on

May 30 at 10 a.m. accompanied by a Master Gardener. R.S.V.P. by May 15.

## An Introduction to Herbal and Botanical Medicine

June 20, 1 to 4 p.m.

Instructor Luiza Ormonde will explore the history and folklore of medicinal plants, many of which grow in the gardens of the TBG. Discover the healing properties and actions of a variety of plants and learn how to prepare teas, tinctures, infusions, decoctions, salves and ointments. PUBLIC \$35; MEMBERS \$30  
Benefactor, Director's Circle and President's Circle members receive a free, three-hour course of their choice. Complete the form on page 4 and sign up today for the course of your choice.

## Edwards Lecture Conservation and Sustainable Use of Medicinal Plants

October 10, 6 to 7 p.m.

Meet lecturer Dr. Danna Leaman at an exclusive reception for Sustaining Friend, Benefactor, Director's Circle and President's Circle members. R.S.V.P. by October 1.

R.S.V.P. to Friends events at [friends@torontobotanicalgarden.ca](mailto:friends@torontobotanicalgarden.ca) or 416-397-1483

## Friends Make a Difference to Children

The Green Adventure Program welcomes children from low-income, high-density and ethnically diverse areas of the city to experience nature through fun and educational activities in the TBG's Teaching Garden. Children are chosen based on their lack of access to natural green spaces and their parents' inability to pay for field trips. Certified educators, horticulturists and trained volunteers deliver a curriculum-linked program to Green Adventure participants, focusing on hands-on learning about soil, plants, gardening and the environment. This program allows children who would otherwise have little or no contact with the natural

world to learn about the everyday 'little miracles' that occur in nature. The support of donors and Friends allows us to cover the costs of transportation, meals, supplies and a full day of educational activities in the Teaching Garden during which the children can experience the plants, a monarch butterfly sundial, a dinosaur sculpture and other fanciful features. Activities include planting and harvesting vegetables for the Plant A Row, Grow A Row program of the North York Harvest Food Bank. The Green Adventure Program is in its seventh year and we commend our contributors for their tremendous support of such a worthwhile endeavour.

## ✿ BENEFITS OF BEING A FRIEND

### STAFF PROFILE

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### ✿ MEET SARAH DURNAN

Sarah has been working as the Fundraising Assistant at the TBG since the fall of 2005. She has a Fundraising Certificate from Fanshawe College and has more than three years of volunteer and work experience in various non-profit organizations, assisting with special events and fundraising. Growing up in Muskoka, Sarah developed a love of outdoor photography and is an avid painter and photographer. For questions regarding your Friends membership and benefits, contact Sarah at 416-397-1483 or [friends@torontobotanicalgarden.ca](mailto:friends@torontobotanicalgarden.ca). Better yet, join us at a Friends event and meet her in person.

#### Member

(Single \$40, Family \$55)

- Five issues of *Trellis*, the newsletter of the Toronto Botanical Garden
- TBG Program Guide
- Free admission to designated Edwards Lectures, featuring acclaimed experts in horticulture and design
- Exclusive borrowing privileges at the Weston Family Library, one of Canada's foremost horticultural libraries
- Reduced rates on courses, workshops, garden tours and select events
- 10-per-cent savings at TBG seasonal plant sales
- 10-per-cent savings on shopTBG purchases and at the TBG Café
- Participation in the TBG Seed Exchange
- Voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting

#### Friend

(\$140 to \$499)

- All of the above benefits PLUS
- Charitable tax receipt for the maximum allowable portion
- Your name listed in *Trellis* in recognition of your donation
- Invitation to the annual Circle of Friends workshop/seminar

#### Sustaining Friend

(\$500 to \$999)

- All of the above benefits PLUS

- Your nameplate in a selected book in the Weston Family Library
- An exclusive invitation to a reception with one of our lecturers

#### Benefactor

(\$1,000 to \$2,499)

- All of the above benefits PLUS
- A gift membership for a friend, relative or colleague
- A complimentary three-hour course of your choice
- Two complimentary passes to Through the Garden Gate, an annual June garden tour of private gardens of Toronto

#### Director's Circle

(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

- All of the above benefits PLUS
- An invitation to an event in a private home and garden with a special guest
- An exclusive advance tour of selected gardens featured on the Through the Garden Gate tour, accompanied by a Master Gardener

#### President's Circle

(\$5,000 or more)

- All of the above benefits PLUS
- Reserved VIP seating at all designated Edwards Lectures
- An exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the TBG gardens, guided by a Master Gardener

### MAKE A SPECIAL OCCASION DONATION



Here's a wonderful idea for acknowledging the joy of a birthday, Mother's Day, wedding, anniversary, graduation or other special occasion. Make a donation to the TBG in honour of someone special and we'll send a card informing them of your gift.

Contact Sarah Durnan at 416-397-1483, [friends@torontobotanicalgarden.ca](mailto:friends@torontobotanicalgarden.ca) or [www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca](http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca).



## FREE GARDENING ADVICE

The Toronto Master Gardeners, located in the Weston Family Library at the TBG, provide free gardening advice to members and Friends. These trained volunteers operate a telephone **Info Line at 416-397-1345** and Ask a Master Gardener Q&A forum at [questions.torontomastergardeners.ca](http://questions.torontomastergardeners.ca) where you can ask your gardening questions. As well, you can browse informative fact sheets at [factsheets.torontomastergardeners.ca](http://factsheets.torontomastergardeners.ca).



# REDEEM YOUR FRIENDS BENEFITS

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

YES, I would like to receive *Garden E-News*

TBG Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

**BENEFITS** Benefits for each level of Friends includes all of the benefits listed for each level above it.

**Friend**  Circle of Friends workshop, May 8, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Sustaining Friend**  Nameplate in a selected book in the Weston Family Library  
Name to be listed on plate: \_\_\_\_\_

Exclusive reception with Dr. Danna Leaman on Wednesday, October 10, 2007, 6 to 7 p.m. Following the reception enjoy the lecture, Conservation and Sustainable Use of Medicinal Plants

**Benefactor**  Gift membership for a friend, relative or colleague (complete adjacent form)

One complimentary three-hour course of your choice  
Program name and code: \_\_\_\_\_

Two complimentary passes to Through the Garden Gate  
 Saturday June 16, 2007 or  Sunday June 17, 2007  
 I would like to purchase \_\_\_ additional tickets at my member rate of \$35 each

**Director's Circle**  Exclusive advance tour of Through the Garden Gate: Wychwood Park and Davenport Ridge, Wednesday, May 30, 2007, 10 a.m. to noon

Exclusive invitation to private home & garden, with special guest, Wednesday, May 30, 2007, noon

**President's Circle**  Reserved VIP seating at all Edwards Lectures  
Reserve my seats at the following 2007 lectures:

- Wednesday, April 25, Dr. Wilf Nicholls: More Than Just a Pretty Place
  - Wednesday, May 16, C. Colston Burrell: Ferns – Wild Things Make a Comeback
  - Wednesday, May 30, Liz Klose: Best Garden Plants For Ontario
  - Tuesday, June 5, Ed Lawrence: Garden Challenges and Solutions
  - Wednesday, September 12, Dr. Allan Armitage: Native Plants for North American Gardens
  - Tuesday, September 25, Dr. Spencer Barratt: Flower Diversity
  - Wednesday, October 10, Dr. Danna Leaman: Conservation & Sustainable Use of Medicinal Plants
  - Tuesday, October 30, Patrick Chasse: Gardens and the Mind's Eye
- Exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the TBG Gardens with a Master Gardener

**GIFT MEMBERSHIP**

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE UPGRADE MY MEMBERSHIP TO:**

- Friend (\$140 to \$499) \_\_\_\_\_
- Sustaining Friend (\$500 to \$999) \_\_\_\_\_
- Benefactor (\$1,000 to \$2,499) \_\_\_\_\_
- Director's Circle (\$2,500 to \$4,999) \_\_\_\_\_
- President's Circle (\$5,000 or more) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a donation (full tax receipt) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like additional Through the Garden Gate tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT**

- Cheque enclosed (payable to Toronto Botanical Garden)
- Visa  Mastercard
- # \_\_\_\_\_
- Expiry / \_\_\_\_\_
- Signature \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORMS TO SARAH DURNAN: Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Ave. E. Toronto, ON M3C 1P2  
R.S.V.P. to Friends events at friends@torontobotanicalgarden.ca or 416-397-1483

