

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Spring 2011 Programs

*Discovery@Riverwood* is pleased to offer the following events. These educational and fun activities are suitable for the whole family. **Pre-registration is requested for all programs** but drop-ins will be welcomed if there is adequate space and/or supplies.

The Riverwood Conservancy (TRC) will make every reasonable effort to ensure that the described programs take place as scheduled; however schedule changes and cancellations may be required. Last minute changes will be posted to our website no later than midday the previous day for a morning or afternoon event or midday of the same day for an evening event.

### Traditional Uses 101

How can spruce branches be used as a barometer? What do beavers and the expression “Mad as a Hatter” have in common? Which prickly plant was thought to cure headaches? Join Credit Valley Conservation’s Stephanie Pearson on a hike that will explore how the plants and animals of Riverwood have been traditionally used throughout history by various cultures. During this hike, participants will also learn about some of the medicinal properties and folklore that go along with the species. Meet at the main (first) parking lot.

- Saturday, April 2, 10:00 to 11:30 am

### Health Walks

TRC and the City of Mississauga Recreation and Parks are working together to provide a series of informative and healthy walks at Riverwood and Erindale. The first half of the walk will be led by a TRC volunteer where participants learn about the park and its features. Then Mike Erison, recreation programmer for the City of Mississauga, will lead a brisk heart-healthy walk through Riverwood’s beautiful forest. Be sure to dress for a brisk walk. Meet at the main (first) parking lot.

- **The Upper Terrace of Riverwood**  
Saturday, April 23, 9:00 - 10:30 am
- **Riverwood Water**  
Wednesday, May 18, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- **Riverwood Forests**  
Sunday, June 12, 10:00 to 11:30 am

### Gardening Workshops

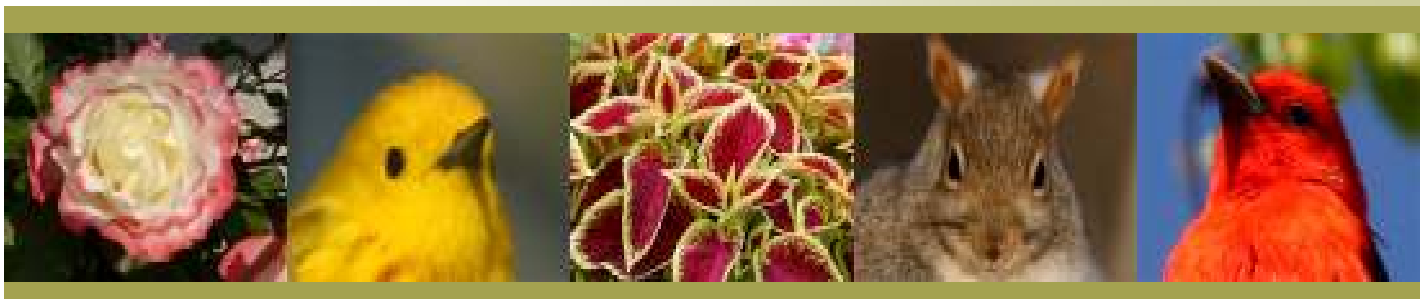
Join the Mississauga Master Gardeners for gardening workshops this spring. In the *Garden Basics* workshop, learn how to inventory and analyze your own garden; develop a garden tailored to your needs and skill level; and plan your new vegetable, perennial or mixed herbaceous garden bed. The *Garden Plants, Shrubs and Trees* workshop guides you in plant selection for different garden conditions; how to plant trees and shrubs; how to care for the plants you have and what to do when that plant won’t grow! Payment by cheque *only*, payable to the Mississauga Master Gardeners, please send payment to Mississauga Master Gardeners: c/o 113 Lakeshore Rd W, P.O. Box 69, Mississauga, ON L5H 1E9. For more information, please visit: [www.mgmississauga.mgoi.ca/HOME.php](http://www.mgmississauga.mgoi.ca/HOME.php).

- Saturday, April 9, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon: **Garden Basics** and  
1:30 to 3:30 pm: **Garden Plants, Shrubs and Trees**
- ◇ Cost: \$20 for each workshop or \$35 for both workshops

### Mark Your Calendar: *Earth: A Celebration 2011!*

**Friday, April 29, 2011**, is the date for our 10<sup>th</sup> annual *Earth: A Celebration*. This evening of fun and philanthropy will be held at the Oasis Convention Centre in Mississauga. Proceeds from the event will help support a new Special Needs Garden and grow our community programs in education, stewardship, gardening and volunteerism at Riverwood park. We hope you can join us on April 29<sup>th</sup>!

For more information on donations, ticket purchasing or sponsorship, please see our website or call 905-279-5878 and email: [Earth@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org](mailto:Earth@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org).



**Astronomy Series Presented by RASC (Mississauga)**

Randy Attwood of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (Mississauga Centre) invite you to explore the beauty of the night sky. Bring your own telescope or binoculars and enjoy a spring evening star gazing at Riverwood. Star maps will be distributed. Telescopes will be set up for observing the moon, planets and stars on the lawn in front of Chappell House. Please note: The event will be held on the first date shown – the second date is a back-up date in case skies are not suitable for star-gazing on the scheduled date.

- Tuesday, April 12 (13), 8:00 to 9:30 pm
- ◇ Tuesday, May 10 (11), 8:30 to 10:00 pm
- Tuesday, June 7 (8), 9:00 to 10:30 pm

**Bird Watching Hikes**

Join expert birders Luc Fazio and Dan Salisbury for a series of bird watching hikes at Riverwood. Bring your binoculars and discover our magnificent spring migratory birds. Great for families, new birders and experienced ones alike! Meet at the main (first) parking lot by the sign board at Riverwood.

- Wednesdays, April 6, (8:00 to 9:30 am), April 13 & 27 (2:30 to 4:00 pm)
- ◇ Mondays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (2:30 to 4:00 pm)
- Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25 (2:30 to 4:00 pm)
- ◇ Mondays, June 6, 13, 20, 27 (2:30 to 4:00 pm)
- Wednesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (2:30 to 4:00 pm)

**Spring Flowers**

Join Nina Barabas, co-author of *Wildflowers of Riverwood*, for a revitalizing walk through the trails of Riverwood park. Share the joy of seeing the first wildflowers of the season and be inspired by their elusive ephemeral beauty. Meet at the main (first) parking lot.

- Saturday, May 7, 9:30 to 11:00 am

**Incredible, (mostly) Edible Container Gardening**

Learn how to design a gorgeous mixed container garden...how to select the pot and plant material; how to pick the "thriller, filler, spiller" plants for successful creation. Combine edible flowers and herbs in a practical "kitchen garden pot" that will provide both beauty and harvestable herbs and garnishes. Take your incredible, mostly edible container garden home with you and enjoy the compliments of your family. Space is limited to 12 participants for this workshop at MacEwan Field Station. Call 905.279.5878 or email: [Info@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org](mailto:Info@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org), to reserve your space.

- Saturday, May 7, 11:00 to 1:00 pm
- ◇ Cost: \$50 for *Friends of Riverwood* (Members & Volunteers)/\$60 for Public

**Valuing Urban Wilderness: The Importance of our City's Natural Capital**

What is the value of wild lands, wildlife and rivers? Join the Sierra Club Peel, CVC and The Riverwood Conservancy for a presentation devoted to exploring the dollar value of goods and services provided by natural urban areas. The morning begins with expert presentations and then the group will be divided up to explore Riverwood's wonders. Meet at the MacEwan Barn.

- Saturday, May 28, 9:30 to 11:30 am

**Come Tie with Me (Fly Fishing Seminar)**

Join Pat Kelly for an evening of fun as he instructs participants in the fine art of fly tying. The "fly" is used to catch fish but they also make great hat or lapel decorations. In the process you will learn to appreciate the fish food that your fly represents: aquatic insects and minnows. Time and weather permitting, we will introduce you to a little fly casting out on the lawn. Registration is required. Meet at the MacEwan Field Station. Please contact us to save your spot by phone or email.

- Wednesday, June 1, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

**OTHER INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW:**

- Families are welcome at all [Discovery@Riverwood](mailto:Discovery@Riverwood) programs.
- **Please pre-register.** Unless otherwise stated in the program description, please call 905-279-5878 or email [Discovery@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org](mailto:Discovery@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org) to register to ensure adequate space and/or supplies.
- Walks are on regularly used trails; however, the terrain may be steep and some surfaces will be uneven.
- All walks and programs are FREE unless otherwise stated in the description. Donations are gratefully accepted to support the work of The Riverwood Conservancy.
- Check our website for cancellations by midday the previous day for a morning event or midday of the same day for an evening event. Walks may be cancelled without notice or shortened due to heavy precipitation or unsafe weather conditions.

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