

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Fall 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. Asterisk (*) refers to programs offered for the first time.

Doors Open Mississauga

Explore the natural and cultural heritage of Riverwood, a 150-acre oasis in central Mississauga. Enjoy the new 2-acre garden including *TRC Enabling Garden*, guided interpretive walks through Riverwood and discover sculptures created by regional artists using natural materials along the trails, presented by HotBox. For more information, visit the HotBox website or www.TheRiverwoodConservancy.org.

- Saturday, October 1, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Building Bird Houses *

Build a simple bird nesting box suitable for small songbirds like wrens. Join Pat Kelly for a fun-filled workshop perfect for the whole family at the MacEwan Barn. All materials will be supplied and a limited number of hammers and power screwdrivers will be available. Bring your own hammer and power screwdriver (Robertson #2 bit) if you have them.

- Saturday, October 8, 9:00 to 10:30 am

Magnificent Abundance with DAVID TARRANT

Tour the courtyard gardens and dazzling wildflowers of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico with David Tarrant, host of CBC's *The Canadian Gardener* and HGTV's *Spring*. Proceeds support *The Riverwood Conservancy Enabling Garden*.

- Friday, October 14, 7:00 pm at Noel Ryan Auditorium (inside Mississauga Central Library)
- ◇ Cost: \$20 (For tickets, contact Wendy Bell: 905-891-7884 or TRC at 905-279-5878)

Health Walk

TRC and the City of Mississauga Recreation and Parks are working together to provide a heart healthy walk 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 leads 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.

- Saturday, October 15, 9:00 to 10:30 am

Autumn Adventure

Come for a hike and glimpse autumn's splendour displayed among the colourful forests of Riverwood. Join Stephanie Pearson from CVC on a hike to discover why autumn is truly the most beautiful time of year and also how Riverwood's plants and animals are getting ready for winter.

- Saturday, October 22, 10:00 to 11:30 am

Putting Your Garden to Bed for Winter *

A modern approach to outdoor living encompasses affordability, lower maintenance and conserves water. Learn about Fusion Landscaping and how bringing together traditional gardens with current eco-friendly plants, colours and textures, can work for you. Before retiring tools for the season, fall can be the start of next year's garden by doing certain tasks. Meet at the MacEwan Field Station.

- Tuesday, October 25, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Pruning Basics with Ease

The beauty, health and fullness of your plants can be achieved with proper pruning techniques. In this 3 hour workshop you will learn why to prune, times to prune, how to make proper cuts for specific plants as well as the safe and proper use of pruning equipment (the right tool for the right job). Jim Lounsbery demonstrates on live plants as well as through an illustrated presentation. Please bring your questions for a very informative session. Space is limited for this workshop at the MacEwan Field Station. To reserve your space, call 905-279-5878 or email Discovery@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org.

- Saturday, October 29, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
- ◇ Cost: \$20 Members/\$25 Public for one pruning workshop or \$30 Members/\$40 Public for both pruning workshops



Advanced Pruning

A follow-up course to Pruning Basics with Ease, this 3 hour workshop by Jim Lounsbery offers a more in-depth view of pruning such plants as rhododendrons, Japanese Maples and evergreens plus the specialized pruning techniques of pollarding and espalier. A slide presentation and discussion on planting and some insect problems may be presented if time permits. Space is limited for this workshop at the MacEwan Field Station. Call or email to reserve your space.

- Saturday, November 5, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
- ◇ Cost: \$20 Members/\$25 Public for one pruning workshop or \$30 Members/\$40 Public for both pruning workshops

Conservation Arboriculture *

This presentation examines aspects of tree morphology, aging processes, tree survival strategies, co-evolution and micro-ecology associated with aging trees, and veteran tree management techniques. Philip van Wassenauer's (B.Sc., MFC) presentation includes a comprehensive overview of the different aspects of tree aging (chronological, ontogenetic and physiological) and discusses the potential causes of tree risk as related to aging trees. A review of veteran/heritage trees from around the world will be presented to demonstrate how such old trees are safely maintained on the landscape. Meet at MacEwan Field Station.

- Tuesday, November 8, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Riverwood: Its History, Stories and Haunting *

This presentation will be a walk through time, looking at the history of the Riverwood property, with its owners, legends and ghost stories. Discover the rich cultural and architectural history of the buildings, some of the famous people who have been associated with the property and how the property connects to an Aboriginal story in Southern Ontario and the Credit River Valley. Learn about the haunting stories associated with the property, its buildings, and the land. Meet at the historic Chappell House.

- Tuesday, November 15, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Birds of Riverwood

Luc Fazio, one of Riverwood expert birders, will present videos of some 50 birds that reside and migrate through Mississauga. The Riverwood Conservancy, as well as Rattray Marsh and Port Credit locations, will be featured. Meet at MacEwan Field Station.

- Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Astronomy Series Presented by RASC (Mississauga)

Randy Attwood of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (Mississauga Centre) invites you to explore the beauty of the night sky. Bring your own telescope or binoculars and enjoy a fall evening of 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. Please check our website www.TheRiverwoodConservancy.org on the day of the event for any cancellation notices.

- Tuesday, October 4 (5), 8:00 to 9:30 pm
- ◇ Tuesday, November 1 (2), 8:00 to 9:30 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 fall migratory and resident birds. Great for families, new birders and experienced ones alike! Meet at the main (first) parking lot by the sign board. (Note: No bird watching hike on Thanksgiving Monday).

- Mondays, October 3, 17, 24, 31 and November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2:30 to 4:00 pm
- ◇ Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2:30 to 4:00 pm

OTHER INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- Families are welcome at all *Discovery@Riverwood* programs.
- **Please pre-register.** Unless otherwise stated in the program description, please call 905-279-5878 or email Discovery@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org to register to ensure adequate space and/or supplies.
- Walks are on regularly used trails. 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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