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## JOIN THE FRIENDS FOR EARTH DAY ON SAT. APRIL 27TH



**A**pril 27 will be a fun day for the whole family! There is a native plant sale of wildflowers, trees and shrubs. **Yes, we will again have complete pollinator gardens for sale: 10 pots for \$35.00; tray of 36 plants for \$60.**

You can take part in activities like planting wildflowers and shrubs, cleaning up and mulching gardens, and hiking the trails. A special presentation on "Dangerous Invaders", or invasive plant species will be held in the refreshment area. Refreshments are free.

At 11 am. A commemorative tree will be planted at the front of the park by our elected officials.

The day will go from 8 am. To 1 pm. - come when you can. Wear suitable clothing for the outdoor activities, and bring a shovel/spade.

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### MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY DAY, SAT. MAY 11

Why not buy Mom a native plant, shrub or tree for Mother's Day! Our pollinator garden plants will attract butterflies and bees to her gardens! The sale runs from 8 am. To 1 pm.

Volunteers are needed on May 11 to help with our invasive plant removal project. We will remove dead invasive plants from an area near the parking lot, and replant with native shrubs and trees. We will also have wildflowers to plant in the prairie. Everyone is welcome!

The activities run from 8 am. To noon, but come when you can, and bring a shovel and loppers.

## EARTH DAY AND MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALES

Note that this list is based on plants ordered, and we may not receive them all.

### HERBACIOUS PLANTS

Blue Flag Iris 'iris virginica'  
Boneset 'Eupatorium perfoliatum'  
Brown Eyed Susan 'rudbeckia hirta'  
Butterfly Milkweed 'asclepias tuberosa'  
Canada mayflower 'maianthemum canadense'  
Common Milkweed 'asclepias syriaca'  
Swamp Milkweed 'asclepias incarnata'  
Sullivants Milkweed 'asclepias sullivanti'  
Whorled Milkweed 'asclepias verticillata'  
Cardinal Flower 'lobelia cardinalis'  
Canada Anemone 'anemone canadensis'  
Columbine 'aquilegia canadensis'  
Cup Plant 'sylphium perfoliatum'  
Dense Blazing Star 'liatris spicata'  
Field Pussytoes 'antennaria neglecta'  
Foxglove Beardtongue 'penstemon digitalis'  
Great Blue lobelia 'lobelia syphilitica'  
Grey Headed Coneflower 'ratibida'  
Green Headed Coneflower 'rudbeckia laciniata'  
Jack in the Pulpit 'arisaema triphyllum'  
Lady Fern 'athyrium -femina'  
Marsh marigold 'caltha palustris'  
Michigan Lily 'lilium michiganense'  
Monkey Flower 'mimulus ringens'  
New England Aster 'symphiotrichum nova-ang'  
Nodding Onion 'allium cernuum'  
Oswego Tea 'monarda didyma'  
Showy Tick Trefoil 'desmodium canadense'  
Sweet Ox Eye 'heliopsis helianthoides'  
Spotted Joe Pye Weed 'eupatorium maculatum'  
Solomons Seal 'polygonatum biflorum'  
Tall Sunflower 'helianthus giganteus'  
Tall meadow Rue 'thalictrum pubescens'  
Virginia Mountain Mint 'pycnanthemum virgin'  
Wild Geranium 'geranium maculatum'  
Wild Bergamot 'monarda fistulosa'  
White Snakeroot 'ageratina altissima'  
Woodland Strawberry 'fragraria vesca'  
Virginia Bluebells 'mertensia virginica'  
Stiff Goldenrod 'solidago rigida'  
ZigZag Goldenrod 'solidago flexicaulis'

### GRASSES:

American Beachgrass 'ammophila brevilig.'  
Big Bluestem 'andropogon gerardii'  
Bottlebrush Grass 'elymus hystrix'  
Indian Grass 'sorghastrum nutans'  
Little Bluestem 'schizachyrum'  
Switchgrass 'panicum vergatum'

### SHRUBS:

American currant 'ribes americanum'  
American Hazel 'corylus americana'  
Bayberry 'myrica pennsylvanica'  
Bearberry 'arctostaphyos uva-ursi'  
Black Chokeberry 'aronia melanocarpa'  
Black Elderberry 'sambucus canadensis'  
Red Elderberry 'sambucus pubens'  
Bunchberry 'cornus canadensis'  
Bush Honeysuckle 'diervilla lonicera'  
Buttonbush 'cephalanthus occidentalis'  
Carolina Rose 'rosa carolina'  
Flowering Raspberry 'rubus odoratus'  
Flowering Dogwood 'cornus florida'  
Highbush Cranberry 'viburnum trilobum'  
Nannyberry 'viburnum lentago'  
Narrow Leaved meadowsweet 'spirea alba'  
New Jersey Tea 'ceanothus americanus'  
Ninebark 'physocarpus opulifolius'  
Partridgeberry 'mitchella repens'  
Peach Leaved Willow 'salix amygdaloides'  
pussywillow 'salix discolor'  
Red Osier Dogwood 'cornus stolonifera'  
Smooth Wild Rose 'rosa blanda'  
Serviceberry 'amelanchier sanguinea'  
Snowberry 'symphoricarpus alba'  
Swamp Rose Mallow 'hibiscus moscheutos'  
Wild Raisin 'viburnum cassinoides'  
Winterberry 'ilex verticillata'  
Witch Hazel 'hamamelis virginiana'  
Virgin's Bower (vine) 'clematis virginiana'

### TREES:

American Mountain Ash 'sorbus americana'  
American Hop-hornbeam/ Ironwood  
American Beech 'fagus grandifolia'  
Basswood 'tilia americana'  
Black maple 'acer nigrum'  
Blue Beech 'carpinus caroliniana'  
Cedar, Red 'juniperus virginiana'  
Cedar, White 'thuja occidentalis'  
Cherry Birch 'betula lenta'  
Freeman's Maple 'acer freemani'  
Hemlock 'tsuga canadensis'  
Hoptree 'ptelea trifoliata'  
Redbud 'cercis canadensis'  
Sycamore 'platanus occidentalis'  
Tamarck 'larix laricina'  
Tulip Tree 'liriodendron tulipifera' (small)  
White Pine 'pinus strobus'  
White Oak 'quercus alba'  
Black Oak 'quercus velutina'

## NIAGARA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS THE FRIENDS A \$4000 GRANT!

**G**reat News! The Niagara Community Foundation has approved a grant of \$4000 for 2019, to help spray invasive plants in the forest by Giles Restoration. We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Niagara Community Foundation, which is a public foundation serving the people of Niagara. The Foundation builds permanently endowed charitable funds for the changing need and opportunity of the community, and provides grants to eligible charitable organizations in culture, health, education, environment, recreation and social service sectors!

Our plan is to remove serious invasive plants, Common Buckthorn, Oriental Bittersweet Vine, Manitoba Maple, and Garlic Mustard. They out-compete native plants, which reduces habitat for native birds and insects. In December 2018, Giles Restoration applied a girdling spray of Garlon RTU to stems in about 2.5 acres. In May 2019, he will do a follow up spray of missed stems and new seedlings. We will replant the treated areas with native trees and shrubs. We hope to treat about 2 acres a year for 5 years, as funds permit.

To remove Garlic Mustard we will recruit students from Port Weller School to learn to identify it and pull it out, from areas along the main path. Then they will help to replant native plants.

**WE need more volunteers for this Garlic Mustard removal and replanting in May! Watch for a date announcement and contact us if you can help.**



### PARTNERING WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS

Port Weller students collected wildflower seeds in Nov. and planted them in trays in March to be planted out later in the park. Students are learning about invasive plants.

E.I.McCulley students are hiking and learning about plants and wildlife in the park.

Niagara Falls Collegiate Institute students are helping clean and set up for Earth Day .

## EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT MALCOLMSON ECO-PARK - *HELP NEEDED!*

The Friends of Malcomson Park are a group of volunteers who work to maintain the Park in its natural state to protect and restore natural habitats. Over the years the Friends have planted trees, shrubs, plants, grasses and wildflowers native to the area. Trails must be maintained and controlling invasive plants is an ongoing battle. This work has always been done with the help of volunteers.

There are so many interesting things to see in the park. There are several bluebird houses, a bat house and a bee house. Some of the birdhouses are very unique and designed, built and placed high in the trees by a Port Weller resident, Wilf Parisi. It is a puzzle how he got the birdhouses to such a height. You may also find small painted rocks with inspirational quotations on them; you can find these rocks in the Park but you have to look for them. Another Port Weller resident, Cindy Bridge Leone, periodically creates these bits of artistry and leaves them throughout the park.

Malcolmson Park is beautiful any time of the year. In spring migrating birds can be seen and heard, trees and shrubs are coming alive and plants start poking their heads out of the ground. Summer is a sea of colour with wildflowers blooming and grasses swaying in the breeze. In fall the colours of the trees are spectacular. Winter is magical after a fresh fallen snow.

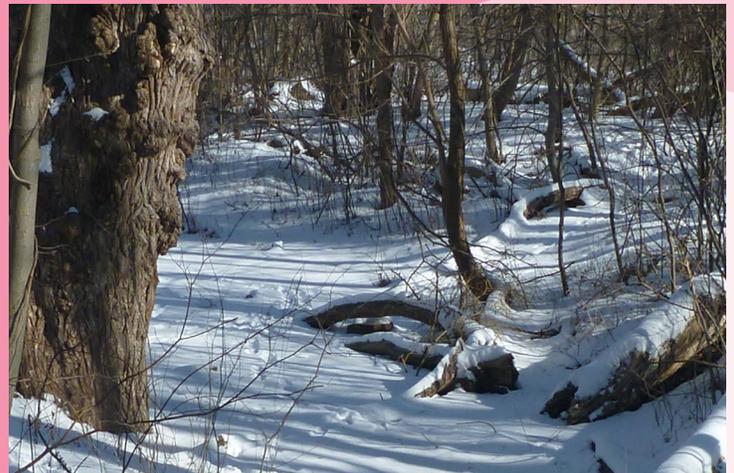
We need your help that day; come out for a short time or stay longer. There is trimming of shrubs and trees, planting, weeding and mulching to be done. Bring your children and friends. It is a fun time and you are helping to protect and restore natural habitats. By planting native flowering plants you help provide sources of nectar, pollen and seeds for birds and encourage hummingbirds, butterflies and honeybees to locate in the Park.

New members are always welcome to join the Friends of Malcolmson Park.

### **MALCOLMSON ECO-PARK: 2019 ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**T**he Committee for 2019 is:

Co-convener's –	Doug Walls, and Claire Theijsmeijer
Secretary –	Sheila Massey
Members –	Doug Woodard Della Trojan Maggie Skov Kathleen Vukovics
Past Convener –	Greg Eckhardt



*WINTER IN THE PARK*

A few more members are needed on the Committee. We invite anyone who enjoys the park to contact us, or attend a meeting to find out how you can participate.

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