

Poets' Pathway Newsletter August 2010

We have made much progress. This newsletter gives you the details of the plaque unveilings as we know them now, and a little more news.



PLAQUES

THE HUNT CLUB-RIVERSIDE PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

We are so happy to let you know that The Poets' Pathway is unveiling our first plaque **September 9, at 10 a.m.** at the **Hunt Club Community Centre**, at the entrance to McCarthy Woods. There will be a reception afterwards.

Speakers include Maria McRae, Steven Artelle, and Rhoda Bellamy.

We sincerely thank Councillor Maria McRae and Nichole Hoover-Bienasz for their help and active support.

We hope you will come to celebrate the fruition of ten years' efforts, as the first plaque is actually unveiled. We'd love to see you there.

BRITANNIA PARK

We are unveiling a second plaque at **Britannia Park** on the water near the pier, **Sept 29, 5:30 pm.** There will be a reception afterwards in the beautiful atrium of the Ron Kolbus Centre.

Speakers include former Greenspace Alliance chair, Erwin Dreessen, Claudette Commanda, Chief of the Algonquin nation, and the eminent Steven Artelle.

We thank Councillor Alex Cullen, who will be there, for his support, and Judy McDonald for her enthusiasm and advice.

POET'S HILL, BEECHWOOD CEMETERY

Another plaque will be unveiled at **Poet's Hill in Beechwood Cemetery within the next few weeks.** This plaque will be the link between the Pathway and Poet's Hill, the final anchor of the Poets' Pathway.

We are very grateful to Roger Boulton and to the Beechwood Cemetery Foundation for providing this plaque, and for working with us so that all the plaques created and placed along the Pathway will be made of beautiful bronze.

And we are grateful too, to Steven Artelle for his knowledge and advice, and to the whole Poet's Hill Committee, and the Beechwood Foundation who made this site a reality.

OTTAWA FOLK FESTIVAL

If you are attending the Ottawa Folk Festival, you may see Ben Glossop of the Poets' Pathway Committee performing two of his own songs, to help publicize the Pathway.

FUNDRAISER – A GARDEN PARTY

And last, we invite you to a fund-raising Poets' Pathway Garden Party with poetry and music, and casual dress, and lots of happiness, at the home of Diane and Peter Schmolka, 355 Shelley Avenue, Ottawa, on Sept 5, from 2-5pm. Rain date is Sept.6.

There will be three sets, a 15-minute open mic, lots of wandering and chat, and refreshments!

Admission is \$10.00. Children under 12 are free.

We **really** hope you can come to these exciting events to celebrate Ottawa's lands and poets with us! We'll remind you.

THE CITY, and...

We know that you know that our plaques are being put up with the support and help of the City of Ottawa. We want to thank especially Renée Proteau and Judy McDonald and the wonderful people of the Parks and Recreation Department. Many other people have taken the time to help us these last few weeks. We are very grateful to Joanne Tait, and Emir Delic and Steven Artelle and Solange Latreille and Jan Hodsoll for their painstaking work.

FLOWER SALE

We raised almost \$500.00 by selling spring bulbs. Thank you if you helped us by buying or selling any. If you didn't – maybe next time!

MEMBERSHIPS

If you haven't renewed or bought a \$20.00 membership yet, maybe you would like to. It will give you a discount at events which charge an admission, and help us with our next plaque.

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