



# Friends of the Old Seed House Garden

## NEWSLETTER

Edition 5

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

*Hello Friends: Exciting news everyone!!*

The dream is becoming a reality before our very eyes. Last week things were happening so quickly that it was difficult to keep track of what happened when. Read Belinda's article to learn about the action on the ground or, better yet, go and have a look yourself.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, Barb Baron, our fundraising chair has been diligently setting up appointments with local businesses in order to present the project to them. These efforts have resulted in a steady inflow of funds, services and products. All 3 are vital to our success. Donor recognition has begun with newspaper coverage and we will continue on with our Commitments in this regard.

We will be highlighting all of our donors at the Benefit Performance by the Little Theatre on Nov. 7th. It is already sold out and will be a celebratory party for the Friends. Thanks to the supercharged committee that sold all of the tickets.

Fundraising for the Garden will continue on the following week at the annual Fraser Direct Book Sale.

Many thanks to all of The Friends who have so generously contributed so much to our wonderful community project.

Cheers from the Chair  
Jane Fogal [janefogal@aztec-net.com](mailto:janefogal@aztec-net.com)  
905 877 5806

### Thanks for Your Support



### ? Can You Believe It ?

Yes, the rumours are true! We have a planting date of Saturday, Oct. 26. Volunteers are invited to the garden at 12 noon to help plant the shrubs and perennials that will grace the inside of the stone foundation and the beds immediately around its perimeter. If you are able to join us, please bring necessary gardening "stuff" with you; shovel, trowel, gloves, watering can, and a wheelbarrow, if possible.



A rain date of Sunday, Oct. 27 has been set, but needed only if there are gale force winds and heavy rain. If there is light or intermittent rain, Saturday is a go. Hope that you can join us for this momentous occasion!!

### Design and Development Update

The Friends of the Old Seed House Garden will notice significant changes on the site since my last update. Of course, the most oft' asked question, "When are we planting?", now has an answer, "October 26<sup>th</sup>". It has been a very long haul to get to this point, but an exciting journey of new experiences and new friendships.

I am very proud of the efforts of the Design and Development Committee, (Sarah Burrows, John Day, Jane Fogal, Georgie Hebb, and Rakesh Mistry.) All have worked so very hard to get a handle on this 'building a garden' exercise. We have learned new terms like 'water chamber' and 'direct bore method', and have practiced great patience as 'Item B, C, and X had to be accomplished before thinking about item A'.

At the end of the day, you will notice that we have a GARDEN! Not quite finished...just as a garden should be. I hope you will be as proud of it as we are, and I hope that you will be able to help us in the following way:

Since our plans for Phase 3 have been advanced by the exceptional contribution of a local landscape company, Eagle Landscaping, we will have the formal area of the garden ready for planting in the Spring of 2003 (just about a year ahead of schedule).

Over the course of the winter we will be planning the new gardens so that next Spring we will be ready to

replant those iris, daylilies and peonies that have been lovingly housed since the 'Dig Your Own Plant Sale". We will also be looking for other garden contributions like Alchemilla mollis (Lady's Mantle), Polygonatum (Soloman's Seal), Mertensia (Virginia Bluebells) and many others.

I hope to have a list of 'plants wanted' up on our website this winter so that you can plan for the Spring. And remember it is OUR garden there on Maple Ave.

***IT IS TIME TO PLANT!!***

Belinda Gallagher (905) 877-7523  
Design and Development Chair.

**Tree Donation Program**

We now have only the following 5 trees available:

White Fir (4) - \$350

Serbian Spruce (1) - \$300



**On Saturday, October 26  
Participants in the Tree Donation Program  
are invited to visit their trees and have  
their photo taken. For more information  
or to donate a tree call  
Sarah at 905-873-8386.**

**Making The Garden Known**

Wow, the Community Open House at the mall proved to be a great success! We promoted the garden to interested passersby and made many new contacts with citizens and other community groups. Thank you to volunteers, Kathryn Latimer and Marion Jonassen, and to Jane Fogal, Sue Balogh, Mattie Spencer, Barb Baron, and Diane Norton for manning the display.

***Everyone is welcome to come and view the grounds.***

**Fundraising** Barb Baron, Fundraising Chair

We have been amazed and gratified by the wide support for the garden. Companies large and small have come forward to help us meet our initial \$200,000 goal along with a great many Georgetown firms, businesses from Acton, Oshawa, Mississauga and Toronto have been generous with funds, products and hours of donated labour. Many individuals have strong ties or memories of the former Dominion Seed House enterprise, and also want to participate in this special effort to maintain the history and beauty of the site.

*Special thanks to those people and businesses who have made donations from February to July 2002.*

**Monetary Donors**

Ruth & John McMulkin

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Membership in the Friends of the Old Seed House Garden should be renewed *ANNUALLY*.

## Friends of the Old Seed House Garden – Annual Membership Form

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I am becoming a new member of Friends.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your support!**

**Your membership entitles you to a newsletter and voting privileges at general meetings.**

Please make your cheque payable to "The Friends of the Old Seed House Garden"  
C/O Friends of the Old Seed House Garden, 7 Park Avenue, Georgetown, Ont., L7G 1Y5



**\$1.00 off**

Bring this coupon to any of the following stores and receive \$1.00 off a package of 8 floral note cards by local artists Gretchen Day and Robert Law.

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All proceeds help fund the **Friends of the Old Seed House Garden** in their quest to create and maintain a showcase garden honouring the legacy of the Dominion Seed House in Georgetown, Ontario.