

Nature appreciation at U. of G. arboretum

The University of Guelph Arboretum offers an extensive nature appreciation and horticulture program beginning in mid-February and continuing until the end of October. Ranging from maple syrup outings to the study of birds and rose collections, the program has something for everyone interested in becoming more attuned to nature. Participation is free.

Maple syrup tours, including a history, will take place on four consecutive weekends in March and April: March 11 and March 12, March 18, March 25 and March 26, April 1 and April 2. The tours will run continuously from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For school classes, tours will be available weekdays. Register for these classes early by telephoning 824-4120 Ext. 2113.

Wednesday evening excursions will regularly take place on alternate Wednesdays beginning at 7:00 p.m. from April to October.

Subjects will vary with the seasons. Mark these dates: April 26, May 10, May 24, June 7, June 21, July 5, July 19, August 2, August 16, August 30, September 13, September 27, October 11 and October 25.

A spring woods walk on Sunday, April 23, at 10:00 a.m. will be a leisurely appreciation of flowers and birds. Bring binoculars and a camera to the University of Guelph Arboretum then.

Such slimy songsters as frogs and toads will be sought on Saturday May 6, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Waterproof footwear is advised. Spring warblers will be observed in an early morning walk and discussion, including slides and bird song-tapes, on Sunday, May 14 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

In June, plan to take part in a three-hour summer bird survey on Sunday, June 11, beginning at 6:00 a.m.

A one and one-half hour "Flowering Time" stroll

through the University of Guelph Arboretum's extensive nursery on Sunday, May 14, is the first of four horticultural meetings. Meet at the Arboretum Service Centre. Lilies and hedges are the subject of a tour and discussion on Sunday, May 28, at 2:00 p.m.

Three research collections, including woody plants, poplar and willow species, will be viewed as an introduction to the Arboretum's research program on Sunday, June 11, at 2:00 p.m. A tour through the Arboretum's diverse rose collection and a demonstration on Sunday, June 18, at 2:00 p.m. will conclude the horticultural part of the program.

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will last two hours. Participants are asked to park at the Arboretum Centre, located on Arboretum Road, off the East Ring Road of the university of Guelph's campus.



Reed tells Federation

Future energy crops

Farmers may no longer be growing crops solely for animal and human consumption, but also will be producing for new energy sources, according to Julian Reed, Halton-Burlington MPP.

In an address to the board of directors of the Halton Federation of Agriculture on Thursday, Mr. Reed told members there is the prospect of an "unknown agricultural future", and he predicts "energy crops will be producing the stuff that makes wheels turn."

Carbohydrate crops, such as corn, alfalfa and other grains would be turned into methanol fuel for transportation means, said Mr. Reed, adding there is sufficient cellulose in forest products to heat "all homes in Ontario on a perpetual basis."

Mr. Reed, a member of the Select Committee on Hydro,

spoke on the topic of energy conservation, noting that the population "must learn how to live off energy incomes, rather than energy capital."

"Back in history man lived on energy income, and while I don't believe in going back to the age of the horse and cart, we have to recognize we are coming to the end of an era and moving into a new life."

Mr. Reed criticized Ontario Hydro for its expansion program involving the notorious hydro corridor and further planned developments.

"The reason I have stood by people fighting the corridor is that I don't believe we have to continue to expand," further adding that "expansion within Ontario Hydro is not as important as efficiency."

The result, of continuing consumption and expansion are forecasts of additional hydro corridors and an

escalation of nuclear power, said Mr. Reed.

"By the 1990s the Hydro plan would be for Bruce A sites every nine months."

"There has been a continued dependence on 'old institutions' to remedy the problems of demand, especially in Ontario, he continued.

"The largest Canadian uranium contracts are the largest thing of its kind in the world and reflect the accepted need for such expansion," said Mr. Reed.

Money spent in massive expansion will just not be there, he added, stating that utilities are competing against the same money farmers are after.

Conservation involves both quantitative and qualitative methods, he told the gathering, noting the qualitative means of conserving energy is "probably far more significant."

"We will be choosing our energy source with the highest end use."

Stone Road Mall

On March 1, at 9:15 a.m. Mayor Norm Jary along with Fred Flintstone, Barney Rubble and Big All cut a ribbon of 151 one dollar bills to officially open the 40 new shops and services in Stone Road Mall adding to the existing 45 stores to make a total of 85 shops and services.

The total square footage of the completed mall will be 400,000 including K-Mart,

Miracle Food Mart and a new 120,000 square foot Sears.

After the opening ceremonies, the 151 one dollar bills will be donated to the Central Ontario Association for the Mentally Handicapped.

The mall will employ almost 1,000 people and is one of the largest employers in the city, offering full and part time employment.

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