

MILLER, Neil Raymond

Royal Canadian Navy - Veteran WW II

Peacefully at the Village of Riverside Glen, Guelph, on Saturday, June 4th, 2011, following a lengthy illness. Neil was predeceased by his wife Ruth Smith (1992) and his wife Joyce Pickles (2010). He was the loving father of Nancy King, Mike and his wife Ingrid, Andy, and Pete and his wife Rachel. He was the proud grandfather of: Jennifer and Phil, Heather and Tom, Ronald, Lindsay and Alan, Loree and René, Lisa and Rob, Benjamin and MacKenzie and great-grandfather of: Avery, Neil, Nic, Iris, Landon, Isabella, Madeline, Emily, Gabriel, Evan, Lukas and Ethan. Neil will also be missed by Joyce's children and their families: Carol and Rick Baginski, Gary, Laurie and Henk Uiterwyk. Neil moved to Acton in 1957 and worked for Beardmore Tannery as an Engineer. He was active with Trinity United Church, the Lions Club and the Royal Canadian Legion. The family will receive friends at the MacKinnon Family Funeral Home, "Shoemaker Chapel", 55 Mill Street East, Acton, Ontario on Tuesday, June 7th from 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm. Friends are invited to meet the family at Trinity United Church, 70 Mill Street East, Acton on Wednesday, June 8th, at two o'clock where the funeral service will be conducted by the Rev. Hyuk Cho. The interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Remembrances to The Alzheimers Society or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. On line condolences and donations may be made at

www.mackinnonfamilyfuneralhome.com
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IN MEMORIAM

GRAY, Aubrey - In memory of Aubrey Gray who passed away June 7th, 2007.

Always remembered
One day at a time.

*Sadly missed by,
Audrey, Jacki, Stuart, Deb,
grandchildren and great grandchildren*

Local youngster volunteers at Willow Park Ecology Centre

The following article was submitted by Willow Park Ecology Centre (WPEC) volunteer and Grade 7 student at Stewartrtown Middle School, Harnoor Gill. Please visit www.willowparkecolony.ca to find out more; all are welcome to visit the park.

It was a tremendous afternoon volunteering at the Willow Park Ecology Centre (WPEC) on Mother's Day because of the great weather and the awesome spring activities. As a WPEC volunteer, I helped the children make a frog/tadpole home and showed them the different types of wildlife/plant life. At first, we went for a wildflower walk around the park and told the kids and their mothers about all the different invasive species and about all the different diverse wildlife that makes an ecosystem (just the basics).

Through this tour, I helped these children learn about many things that are unique about this park. For example, WPEC is one of the many parks that offer a safe place to see wildlife with no poison ivy or anything else that can harm a human being.

The activity we did was

making a broken pot into a whole new diverse habitat for a wetlands creature. So if you ever break a flower pot this might be really handy for you. First we decorated the broken pot with different designs and colours that showcased each participant's creativity. It was a fun activity. A frog or tadpole will go inside the pot on a really sunny day and by doing that it will stay really cold and keep itself moist. Once the pots were decorated, they were ready to be placed at the edge of a pond where they could provide shelter for a frog that would allow it to go back to the water safely (and without a shock!) if it needed to.

Afterwards, we went to look at the pond in WPEC that is right beside Silver Creek that flows into the Credit River. In this pond, we were not too sure of seeing any frogs

but we did see tadpoles, leeches and small minnows. There is a small boardwalk right beside the pond that you can walk on that is really awesome. There are signs put up on the boardwalk that show all the different amphibians, turtles and frogs that are in the watershed and the surrounding area.



Willow Park Ecology Centre volunteer Harnoor Gill's frog pot labelled with a sticker that says to save the planet is ready to provide a home for a frog.

These signs, whose graphics were provided by the Toronto Zoo and Environment Canada, were put up by WPEC as part of a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and these really show how to differentiate frogs from one another.

A minute after glancing through the signs I heard a "ribbit, ribbit" sound which usually comes from a green frog. I tried to figure out where the sound might have been coming from and there I saw the frog, camouflaged in a bunch of green algae. You could also tell that

the frog was confused because no other frog was responding to its calls.

It was great fun and I hope to participate/volunteer at this event next year as well.

Dad's Day at WPEC

Please join us at WPEC's Father's Day (Big Daddy Festival) event on Sunday, June 19th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring Dad and the whole family along for some fun by the side of Silver Creek. We'll have demonstrations, games and creative activities:

- Make and decorate your own drum
- Native North American Drum Circle, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Join in and hear stories about the original inhabitants of the area
- Create your paddler for the "Paddle to the Sea" race at the end of the day.
- Join in our Scavenger Hunt and learn about the critters in the park
- More activities (Please check the website for additional activities and to register to attend: <http://www.willowparkecolony.ca/current.html>)

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