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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

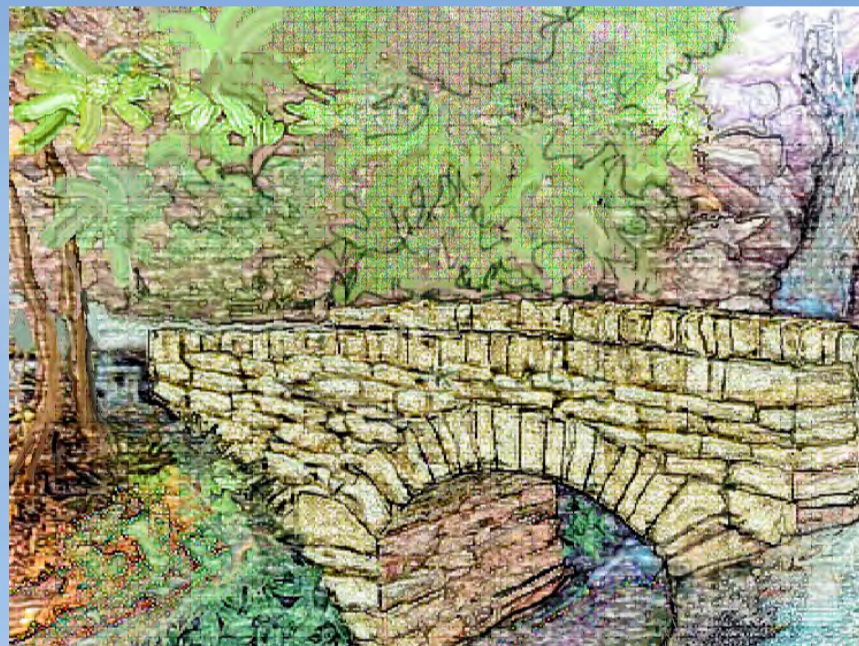
The Annual General meeting of the Friends of Dominion Brook Park Society will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7:00 in the Pavilion at the Centre for Plant Health.

This is a great time to renew your membership, visit with other friends of the park and hear about the plans for the coming year. And we have big plans!

Our speaker will be Christopher Barclay who is the West Coast Field Director for Dry Stone

Walling Across Canada. He is going to present our next project in the Park, a stone bridge over the creek at the upper end of the ravine.

Come and hear about this new planned feature in the Park and learn all about dry stone wall construction, a craft that has been practiced for thousands of years.



BOARD MEMBERS WANTED

We have several vacancies on the Board of Directors of the Friends of Dominion Brook Park Society.

What is required?

- Prepare for and attend meetings once a month for 1 to 2 hours. (No meeting in December or April).
- Attend the Annual General meeting with Society members in April.
- Contribute to the development of strategic priorities and work plans for the year and help see them achieved.
- Participate in special tasks or projects

Who should apply?

People from the community who:

- Have an enthusiasm for Dominion Brook Park
- Are committed to the management objectives for the Park
- Desire to give back to their community
- Enjoy working collaboratively and constructively with others

If you are interested, please send an email to contactus@dominionbrookpark.ca or call Jody Aylard at 778-351-0417.

THANK YOU

Once again we have a very big thank you for Adele Lambert (and Jeff) for taking on the weekly chore of doggy bag duty. Both are regular dog walkers in the Park and they 'give back' by helping keep our Park clean throughout the winter.



CHEK TV's Veronica Cooper interviewing volunteer, Verna Warren. To be aired Sunday, April 8th at 5 o'clock, in news segment called Vital People.

VOLUNTEERS

We're Back!

The volunteer team started work on March 21st. Our valiant group of Park supporters will continue to rake, weed, etc. to keep all in good order. This year we have a wonderful project to excite our workers. With the new pathways in the Ravine, we will be doing a major clean up and then re-planting the slopes with Rhodos and companion plants.

Would you like to join us?

Wednesday mornings, 9-11a.m. We meet at the Marshall Road entrance with secateurs in hand and a spring in our step. Call Joan at 250-656-4185 or gibbjb@shaw.ca

SO LONG CLIFF HALLIDAY



What can one say? Well, if we are talking about Cliff Halliday, a lot.

Cliff has been involved with the Park since the beginning in 2000 when a stewardship agreement was forged between the Federal Government, District of North Saanich, and the Friends of Dominion Brook Park.

Without his knowledge and the generous sharing of that knowledge, the Park would not be what it is today. He always asked, "how can we make this work" and then made it happen.

His guidance and support of the volunteers, along with his

wonderful sense of humour, made working with him a learning experience on how to meld together two governments and a rag tag band of volunteers.

Our largest project, the Ravine Restoration, was steered to completion because of his wise advice and input on all things involved. When you walk the pathway and view the waterfall, give a salute to Cliff.

We extend a very sincere thank you and wish him well in his new position in the Parks Department, with the Town of Sidney. We will miss him.

Featured Plant

GARRYA, elliptica, Coast Silktassel

A genus of about 13 evergreen shrubs with leathery leaves and long, slender, silky catkins. Garryas are excellent for growing in coastal sites. They thrive in all types of well-drained soil but need protection from cold winds. Prune only to remove dead wood. This male Garrya is a large shrub or small tree, draped during the end of winter with long, grayish green catkins. Introduced in 1828 by David Douglas.

It is located in the North Border (left side) just above the Sunken Garden. A companion plant in the same location is *Viburnum x bodnantense* 'Dawn' with lovely pink blossoms which is flowering along side of the Garrya.

Both wonderful winter additions.



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