

**DOMINION
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NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER 1 - 8 A NEW BRIDGE IS BEING BUILT IN THE PARK

Come and watch a new bridge being built in the park September 1 - 8, 2018. This new stone bridge will be constructed over the brook at the top of the recently renovated rhododendron ravine. As far as we know this will be the first dry-stone bridge west of Ontario.

Dry stone masonry is a technique that has been used for millenia. No mortar holds the rocks together, only gravity and friction. The skill of the stone mason is an essential ingredient in the success of the structure.

The project will be carried out by *Dry Stone Walling Across Canada* as an eight-day workshop for stone masons wanting to learn about building with stone and without mortar. They will build a traditional style Scottish packhorse footbridge that will be 5 metres long (16 feet), just over a metre wide (4 feet), and will have a 2.3 metre span (8 feet). Local quarried rock and field stone will be used.

Construction will take place from September 1 to 8, 2018.

You are invited to come to Dominion Brook Park and watch these skilled craftsmen at work. On Saturday, September 8, at 2:00 p.m., a dedication ceremony will take place to celebrate the completed bridge. The main event will be the removal of the wooden centring form.

Artist's rendering



YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

You may feel that we nag a bit about membership renewal, but that is because membership is important. The \$20 that you pay to join the Friends of Dominion Brook Park Society goes directly to supporting the Park and the work of the volunteers.

The number of members reflects the importance of the Park to the community, which is a key consideration of granting agencies when we are applying for funds. The more members we have, the stronger our proposal for grants.

If you haven't already, please renew. And consider helping us grow our membership. Perhaps give a membership as a gift and you may create another life-long supporter of the Park.



Become a MEMBER



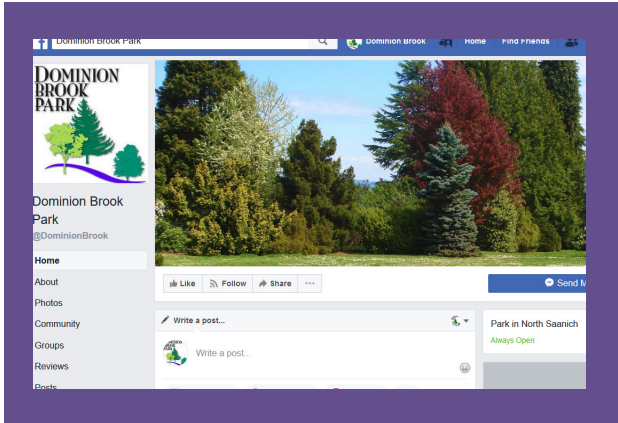
THANK YOU

To all our volunteers who help out in the park. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated. Join our team of enthusiastic supporters to continue the restoration of the Jewel of the Peninsula. Experience not necessary and work levels for all ages. Come and have fun with us! Contact Joan Gibb for more information: 250 656-4185, or contactus@dominionbrookpark.ca

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK!

Check out the Friends of Dominion Brook Park Society Facebook page. Our aim with an online presence is to raise the profile of the Park, connect more people to our cause and grow the community that supports Dominion Brook Park. It will be a place where you can see what's happening in the Park and share it with your friends.

Like us on Facebook: @dominionbrook



FLAVOUR TRAILS

Dominion Brook Park is on the Flavour Trail again this year. Tours will be available on Sunday, August 19 at:

10:15
11:15
12:15

Learn about the Park's history, its collection of shrubs and trees and enjoy some refreshments with Friends of Dominion Brook Park Society volunteers.



FEATURED PLANT

RHODODENDRON MUCRONATUM, var. sekidera

A planting plan is being developed for the restored Rhododendron Ravine. The next series of featured plants will focus on some that are already purchased and will be planted this fall.

Our Sekidera was purchased this spring at Evelyn Weeges' plant sale – her last sale ever. The Weeges' garden in Deep Cove and their contribution to rhododendron development are well known to rhododendron enthusiasts.

The Sekidera is a mid-season rhodo. The flower is single, funnel-shaped, white with spotted dorsal lobes that are splashed rose color. It is about 2" across and fragrant. The rhodo's origins are uncertain. Once considered to be a species, some now believe it is a hybrid from southern Japan.



For more information on Dominion Brook Park, please visit www.dominionbrookpark.ca
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