

## Finding What Grows in the Park

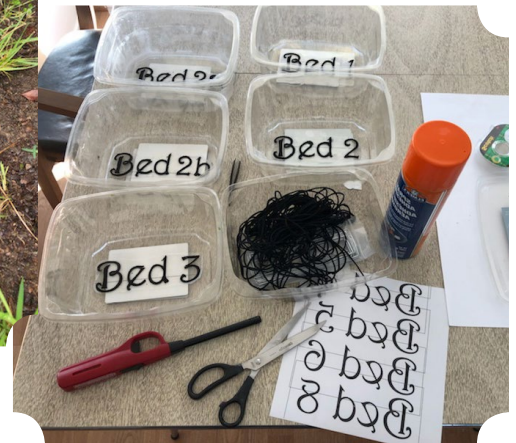
Did you know that each bed in the Park has a number? And that the plant inventory identifies each plant, the bed number where it is located and where the plant came from? This is part of the legacy of records that we are fortunate to have from the Government of Canada. The Friends of Dominion Brook Park Society continues that record keeping and we are working to have more of this information available to Park visitors.

We have launched a project to label each bed in the Park. One of our board members, Karen Mervyn, is making handmade concrete markers of her own design. Over the spring and summer, you will see these markers appear in the beds on the north side of the Park. We plan to have markers in all the beds eventually.

We will also be installing signs with plant names and some other basic information for some of the significant trees and shrubs. These signs will include a quick read (QR) code that will link to our website where you will be able to read additional



information about a specific plant, such as its history or its horticultural significance. The first QR code sign will be posted at the European Beech (see story in this newsletter).



## Annual General Meeting and Membership Renewal

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on April 19th at 7:00. With our regular venue (the Pavilion at the Centre of Plant Health) still unavailable, we have decided to hold our AGM via Zoom again this year. We hope this will allow more members to attend from the comfort of their home. Further details will be sent by email.

It is also the time of year when we remind you to renew your

membership in the Friends of Dominion Brook Park Society. Membership dues and membership numbers are both important support for the work that we do. You have a number of choices for renewing your membership. Further information and payment options can be found on our website: [dominionbrookpark.ca](http://dominionbrookpark.ca).

## Enjoying the snow

Many enjoyed the slopes at Dominion Brook Park during the snowfalls this past winter.



## Return of Wednesday Morning Volunteers

Our volunteer coordinator has already been receiving inquiries asking when we will get to back to work in Park. We are happy to see such enthusiasm! Our volunteers are central to the care and restoration of the Park and we greatly appreciate the gift of their time and energy.

The wet weather has delayed our start date but we will be in touch with our team of volunteers as soon as conditions in the Park improve. Work parties are held each Wednesday from 9:00 to 11:00 from spring through to fall. If you are interested in joining us let us know by email at [contactus@dominionbrookpark.ca](mailto:contactus@dominionbrookpark.ca).

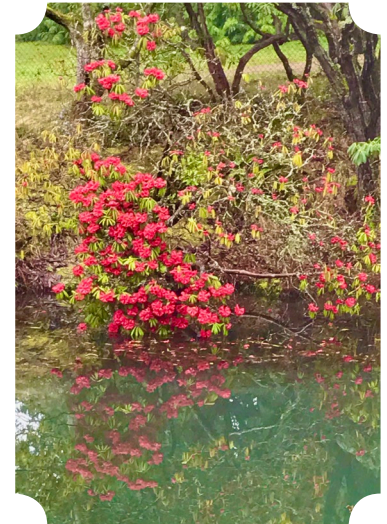


## A Special Century Tree

This year marks a significant anniversary for one of our special trees. The European Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) was planted in the Park in 1922. This tree was grown from a seed gathered from Flanders, according to the government records.

Who picked up the seed in Flanders, brought it home, germinated it, and then planted the small seedling in the Park a century ago? We don't know who and we don't know why. Planting a tree is a gesture of hope and one can imagine the need to look ahead with hope for the future after such a devastating war.

Our European birch tree is located on the south side of the pond, just a few paces south of the bench by the weeping cedar (*Cedrus pendula atlantica*). A sign will be posted to identify it.



## Thank you

This winter one of our volunteers, Chris Maier, provided a welcome service for all the dog walkers in the Park. He looked after the garbage bag at the Marshall Road entrance.

Thank you, Chris!



Identification tag on European Beech

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