



SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

WALK WITH US SEPTEMBER 16

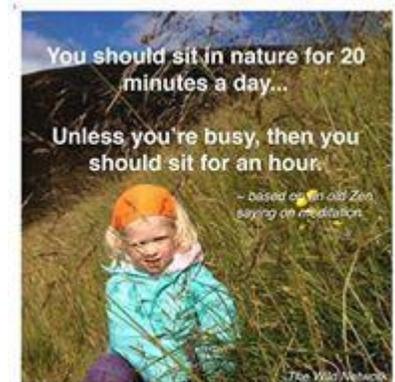


The Friends held two very well attended walks this season. The first was a tour of the Aga Khan garden on June 24 before opening day led by Lee Foote and Todd Ghesse. This was a Friends of the Garden member only event to thank our members for supporting the Friends. The lunch afterwards was delicious and it was nice to sit and chat with members. Thank you to the Events Committee for organizing this great event and to Lee and Todd for the informative talk. Our last Walk with Us event will be Sunday, September 16 with John Acorn who will focus on birds and

fauna found that day and this will be followed by FOG's annual potluck lunch in the Fieldhouse. Please watch your emails for an invitation to this event. If anyone has ideas for next year or knows someone who would like to lead a group for a walk please let me know. These events are free to all FOG members and guests need to pay regular entrance fees to the UABG and a \$10 donation to FOG.

KIDS IN THE GARDEN BURSARY

Each summer children from different Edmonton groups benefit from the FOG sponsored bursary at the UABG. The kids are able to participate in a structured program and enjoy the outdoors. These groups would not traditionally be able to afford to attend the gardens without the bursary. We are thrilled to hear that so many children were able to enjoy a fun and educational day at the University of Alberta Botanic Gardens. Your donations help to sponsor these programs so thank you to all who gave so generously.



FOG FUNDING AT THE UABG



The mission of the Friends of the Garden is to raise funds for the UABG. One of the more fun and educational items that the Friends has funded is an Interpretation Cart. The cart was created to have a movable interpretation station that could be used all over the Garden. The staff are currently trying out a new theme about once a month, and hope to cover Garden specific themes such as pollination, preserving, use of herbs, etc. And to make it all the more fun, they are trying to touch on all these themes using senses, specifically taste, because who doesn't like stopping for delicious samples. They've been piloting herb-infused lemonades for

July and it was a smashing success. They've had over 2500 people participate at the cart already! Next up: looking at pollination with honey sampling - yum! Just another example of the good use that member donations and Casino funds are being used for.

FOG'S WHITE TENT AT THE GARDEN

You may have seen the white tent inside the entrance way to the UABG on the weekends. This is the



FOG table and our volunteer board and members are there to meet you, answer questions and sign up new FOG members. Donations are also greatly appreciated. Thank you to our member volunteers Ingrid, Kelli, Mark, Holly, Dolores and Debra as well as our board members for helping out this season.

2018 DONATIONS TO DBG

As well as funding the bursary, FOG has donated funds to help purchase other necessary items for the University of Alberta Botanic Garden. This year FOG will purchase a golf cart for the new Bee Line as well as the interpretative cart mentioned above. Other projects have been put on hold but at the beginning of each year the UABG gives the FOG board a wish list of items that fall outside of their operating budget. Through donations, grants and casinos, we are able to achieve our mission of supporting the garden.

UPDATE ON FUNDING FOR IMRIE BOARDWALK PROJECT



The FOG board has been fundraising for the Imrie Boardwalk Replacement project. More than half on the funds have been raised already through casinos and endowments. The replacement project is planned to start in 2020 to be completed for FOG's 50 anniversary in June 2021. The new boardwalk will be safer and more accessible for all. The Imrie Wetlands are one of the last remaining

wetlands in Alberta so preserving them and building a new boardwalk, will allow all to learn about wetlands and their importance. The Imrie Wetlands were named after Mary Imrie.

GOODBYE TO FLORENCE KAPLIN, A TRULY GREAT FRIEND MEMBER

The FOG board of directors was very sad to hear about the passing of Florence Kaplin. Florence joined the Friends in the 1990s and worked in the UABG gift shop and with visitor services. She volunteered for 2 years in Alice's Greenhouse and was a vital, hardworking part of the Board of the Friends for many years. Being on the board of the Friends was one of her proudest achievement. We will miss her.



MEMBERSHIPS AND DONATIONS

Please call Dana at 780-221-6467 if your FOG membership is overdue for renewal or if you would like to make a tax deductible gift to the Friends. Or you can go to our website at www.friends-devonianbotanicgarden.org to make a donation or

renew/purchase a membership or mail it to the address below.

The Friends of the Garden is a registered not-for-profit society. All donors who support the Friends will receive a charitable tax receipt for the full amount of each gift. (Charitable Registration # 118933308RR0001). All gifts received support the University of Alberta Botanic Garden.

FOG memberships make awesome gifts!

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We hope to see you at the UABG this year. If you have any questions or comments please let Dana know by phone or email.