



A Strong Community Builds a Future Tree Canopy

The Blue Mountains recently had 100 volunteers and supported by town staff plant over 600 tree seedlings along the Georgian Trail. Working in teams, they planted cedars, white pines, red oaks and native shrubs near Northwinds Beach and at the 10th line.

The event also demonstrated collaboration between the municipality and local community groups. "The degree of collaboration among the program partners has been exceptional", said John White of the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club. "There has been strong synergy and benefit from the Town of The Blue Mountains, TreeTrust TBM and Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary working together on this first-of-its-kind effort. Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services for TBM, saw the event as an important learning opportunity: "We did a lot of collaborative planning that helped make the event successful but we also learned a lot that will help us in future programs." Over the summer, water tanks will remain in place for community watering.

It is deeply rewarding that 600 new trees and shrubs have been planted in our community, but even more gratifying is the community strength demonstrated by this project. On behalf of Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary, TreeTrust TBM and the Town of The Blue Mountains Department of Community Services, we would like to extend a big "thank you" to our volunteer tree planters!

Save the Date! JUNE 24 Tree Care Event Announced

Tree Trust TBM will be completing life-extending professional tree care for two special legacy sugar maple trees, each with an estimated age of greater than 100 years, on Friday June 24th at Hillcrest Park in Clarksburg (near Hillcrest Drive and Clark Street).

Everyone is invited! The official start time for the tree care day will be 9 am but you are welcome to come by through out the day to watch the Arboreal Tree Care arborists at work, performing their high canopy aerial feats of tree care. You may even catch one of the expert arborists to answer a question about trees or help troubleshoot a tree problem. Tree Trust TBM is a charitable organization that collects and applies donated funds to maintain and extend the lives of significant legacy trees and grow new generations of trees in TBM. Generous community donations and the support of Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary have made providing conservation care to these trees possible.

Donations to support more of our efforts can be made at www.treetrust.ca – go to the TBM community partner page.

Sugar Maple Trees Available To TBM Residents

Treetrust TBM has organized a program to offer cost-subsidized sugar maple trees for residents to plant on their properties.

Treetrust was able to purchase 50 four-foot sugar maple saplings from a wholesale nursery, with the support of a 2021 grant from the TBM Environmental Sustainability Fund. The saplings are in three-gallon pots, ready to plant, and can be purchased for \$50 each. This very affordable price allows Treetrust TBM to cover the purchase price of the trees and recoup the original funding for future tree-programming efforts.

If you are a resident of the Town of the Blue Mountains and you would like to purchase a sugar maple tree to plant on your property please contact csadmin@thebluemountains.ca to register your interest. You will be contacted by Treetrust TBM with further details.

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Grey Grannies

The Grey Grannies is a small group of women from Georgian Triangle who for the past 15 years have raised funds and awareness in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmother Campaign.



The foundation fights the AIDS pandemic in Sub Saharan Africa by supporting community based projects there - now also helping the fight against the Covid pandemic. Many children have been orphaned by AIDS. Grandmothers took these children into their care and provided for them despite dealing with their own grief and limited funds.

The Stephen Lewis Foundation saw a need and started the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign. Canadian grandmothers stepped up to the challenge to help these grandmothers by forming support groups like the Grey Grannies across the country. Grandmother groups are also now in the UK, Australia and the USA.

One of Grey Grannies fundraising endeavours will be participating in the Giant Plant Sale at St George's Church in Clarksburg on June 11th so please stop by our table, check out our plants and chat with us about the Foundation. We are always looking for new members.

We will also be holding a driveway book sale on Canada Day at 20 Pollard Drive, Meaford, weather permitting.

If you would like to learn more about the Grey Grannies or join our group call Ruth at 519 599 6305 or Marilyn at 705 888 1496.



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