

The Zoology Landscape Committee Needs You!

You may recall from some time ago that a Landscape Committee was created within the Department. After much time and many meetings, we can tell you that we will be starting the creation of a naturalistic garden at the southeast corner of the building in the near future. We feel it is important and necessary that everyone in the Department be informed of what is happening on this project. In order to do this, we will be creating a newsletter that will be available in hard copy or electronically (hopefully to save paper!). Please give Steve Smith, "steve," your name if you wish to be put on the electronic mailing list.

There are, however, two items that everyone needs to be made aware of immediately. In order to produce the kind of garden we are interested in, we need a design and plant material. For the former, we have approached the School of Landscape Architecture. They are turning this task over to their students. In one of the Landscape Architecture courses, the students will be given an assignment to prepare a design for gardens all around our building. These students will be coming to Ramsay Wright to look at the building inside and out. They will be encouraged to talk to members of the department to find out what we would or would not want in a garden. We hope you will give this some thought and, if the opportunity presents itself, take the time to talk to these students.

In order to obtain some of the plant material for the garden, we hope to take advantage of an opportunity being given to us. We have been informed that a large part of the Altona Forest in Pickering is being bulldozed for a residential subdivision. Before this happens, we have been given permission to go into the forest and transplant trees and shrubs from the forest to our grounds. This is where **we need your help**. We are looking for volunteers to join us on **Friday, 23 September 1994**, to rescue plants. Because this is a work day, we ask that those of you that volunteer only do so if there is **absolutely no disruption to the Department** with you being gone from your desk. If you are interested, please contact Jim Hodgins (5246, Rm. 541) as quickly as possible. Jim will be coordinating this effort. He requests that everyone meet at the site at 10:00 a.m. The site is near Sheppard Ave. and Altona Rd. (a map is available from Jim). If possible, please bring bags, boxes and a spade. Everyone that goes must sign a waiver form. As an enticement, please be aware that you may dig plants for your own garden, however, U. of T. does get a priority of specimens.

As a final note, we on the Landscape Committee are excited about what will be happening on the grounds of our building. We hope that as you hear more about it, you will be too. As this garden is for everyone, we encourage you to contact any member of the Committee with your ideas and suggestions.

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