



# Friends of the Gardens Newsletter

## Summer 2013

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### The Metis Food Film Festival begins on June 28

The first ever *Metis Food Film Festival* will be held from June 28 to July 1. The Festival will present feature films and documentaries on the world of food – food production, food culture and the chefs who are re-invigorating the world of food. Held in the visitor centre, Estevan Lodge and the amphitheatre of the Mitis River Park, 15 films will be shown over four days. The feature event will be The Great Gatsby party on Sunday, June 30, featuring champagne, an oyster bar, drinks, DJ and dancing and costumed dancers. Consult our web site to obtain the complete Food Film Festival program.

### Gatsby Party – An Invitation to a Magical Evening

Inspired by the hype of the première of *The Great Gatsby* at the Cannes Film Festival in May, we are putting on our own Gatsby evening on Sunday, June 30. From 6 pm onwards guests will be able to sip Moët & Chandon champagne, graze at the buffet tables prepared by chef Pierre-Olivier Ferry and enjoy entertainment and dancing in the rooms of Estevan Lodge that will be transformed for the occasion. Tickets are \$60 for the cocktail buffet from 6 pm and \$20 for the after-hours party starting at 9 pm.

### Shakespeare in the Gardens

Having charmed Montreal audiences for decades, Shakespeare in the Park is coming to Metis for two performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Sunday, July 7 and Monday, July 8 at 7 pm. One of Shakespeare's most accessible and amusing plays, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will be presented (in English) in the surroundings of Estevan Lodge. The magical and mythical creatures will emerge from the forest to charm the audience with Shakespeare's words and poetry – a perfect way to spend a summer evening. Tickets are available at the ticket booth for \$20 per person, \$10 for students, and free for children 13 and under.



### Hydro-Québec Family Days in July and August

Hydro-Québec is a keen supporter of our events and programs. This year, Hydro-Québec is partnering in the creation of a new family program. Hydro-Québec Fridays is a program for local parents and their children on Friday afternoons, with animators, face-painting and activities for toddlers. Children will also enjoy a new version of the Right Tree in the Right Place garden by Montreal designers NIPpaysage, which is a giant game of elastics, that will occupy a large site on the main festival esplanade.

Hydro-Québec is also contributing to our growing fleet of electric vehicles, this year augmented with the addition of a new 8-passenger electric golf cart to help us ferry guests at special events and a 4-passenger vehicle for our staff and visitors.



We are also partnering with Hydro-Québec in installing a charge station for electric vehicles – part of a province-wide initiative to promote the use of electric vehicles on Québec's roads and highways.

### Estevan Lodge – Protected in Perpetuity

Estevan Lodge now has a state of the art fire protection system, a new ventilation system and improved lighting in the museum. With a grant from Québec's Ministère de la Culture et des Communications and the Shared Costs for National Historic Sites of Parks Canada, a fire protection system has been installed to protect Estevan Lodge winter and summer. The work will be completed just in time for the official « classement » of the building, gardens and grounds by the government of Québec. An official ceremony will be held with the Minister of Culture and Communications on Wednesday, June 26.

### Desjardins Room in Estevan Lodge

Les Amis des Jardins de Métis has been banking with the Caisse Desjardins de Mont-Joli since the organization was founded in 1995. Desjardins supported the project to install the fire protection system with a donation of \$50,000 over three years. In recognition of their lead donation, the projection room in Estevan Lodge has been named the Desjardins Room.

### Restored Office to Open in July

Our restored offices will re-open in July. After more than four months of renovations, the office will now occupy all three levels of the guardian's house, including the basement which has been dug out to accommodate our new meeting room and library. Built for Sir George Stephen in 1887, the guardian's house is solidly set on impressive granite foundations. The building was the home to the Annett and Coffin families for 80 years. Since the 1960s, the building has been the administrative centre for the gardens. Modified many times, the building's exterior has been restored to something close to its original appearance. The interior has been entirely gutted. New offices, work stations and furniture make the workspaces both contemporary and functional, but the wooden floors, walls and ceilings preserve some of the cachet of this historic structure. The office will also showcase the garden's permanent collection of works by artists Dominique Blain, Bertrand Carrière, Janis Gillan, Linda Rutenberg, Louise Tanguay and Rasa Pavilanis whose work has been shown in Estevan Lodge over the past decade.

### Culinary Offerings

**Les 400 Coups Returns in July:** For the third consecutive year, the gardens will welcome back the rising stars of the Montréal culinary scene, chefs Patrice Demers and Marc-André Jetté, along with sommelière Marie-Josée Beaudoin from Les 400 Coups. The 400 Coups dinner will be on Sunday, July 28 in the newly air-conditioned dining rooms of Estevan Lodge. Tickets are available for \$200 (donation receipt of \$130 for each participant).

**An Outdoor Dining Experience:** Inspired by the opening of the new vegetable garden, chef Pierre-Olivier Ferry is preparing a special meal on Friday, August 23. Celebrating fresh vegetables, produce and producers, the event will take place in the unique surroundings of the vegetable garden (weather permitting). Tickets are available for \$100 (donation receipt of \$50 for each participant).

**Mushroom dinner and benefit breakfast:** The annual mushroom dinner will be held on Friday, August 16. For lovers of mushrooms and fine food, this event is a must. On Saturday, July 13 join us for a benefit breakfast for the Mitis River Park - just \$20 for breakfast (includes admission to the gardens).

**Coffee Time:** Our cafés are being transformed with the addition of new espresso machines and coffee that is being prepared for us by Les Cafés du Moissonneur at Cap-aux-Meules on the Magdalen Islands. The cafés have a new menu of sandwiches, salads, beverages and macarons. The Blue Poppy Café also has bread baked fresh every morning.

### Summer Exhibitions

Artists are returning to the gardens with new installations and new exhibitions. The main exhibition room will host an exhibition



*Taille de guêpe, Clodet Beuparlant*

of basketry by artists Clodet Beuparlant and Marie Faribault. Beuparlant is Québec's leading creator of art works in willow. A decade ago, she created the living fence that is a feature of the primula glade. Marie Faribault works in Montréal and produces remarkable pieces that are inspired by traditional methods but go beyond them. Clodet Beuparlant will be giving 2-day basketry workshops on Saturday and Sunday, September 7 and 8, and September 14 and 15.

The gardens are also welcoming new works by Trois-Pistoles photographer Baptiste Grison and Saint-Octave artist Marie-Claude Hamel.

### Gardens are for Book Lovers

The gardens have become a place where we think seriously about books, language and literature. With our long-time collaborators at the Carrefour de la littérature, des arts et de la culture, we are again offering a program of guest authors for our literary teas every month. In August we will also host several events as part of the literary summer school of the Université du Québec à Rimouski. Guest professors and participants will take part in a poetic walk through the meadows and gardens.

### Garden Photography Workshops with Louise Tanguay

Louise Tanguay is giving three garden photography workshops this summer. She is bringing her extensive experience as a photographer and teacher to share her knowledge in three workshops, the first (in English) from July 4-7, and consecutive workshops August 11-16 and 18-23. Louise Tanguay has collaborated on three books on the gardens published by Les Éditions de l'Homme and leads garden workshops to exotic destinations around the world.

There are a few places remaining for the July workshop and the first of the August workshops. Louise will be giving a lecture on garden photography on Friday, August 9 at 5 pm, to be followed by a summer cocktail (\$10 for the lecture and the cocktail).



*Blue poppies* - Photo Louise Tanguay

### **Festival Endowment Fund Campaign Launch in Toronto**

More than 100 friends of the gardens gathered in the historic gardens of Woodlawn in Toronto on May 30 for a garden party in aid of the International Garden Festival. The event raised more than \$10,000 for the Festival's endowment fund. Guests sipped on vintage Dom Pérignon champagne offered for the occasion by our 2013 sponsors Moët & Chandon. The Festival has fixed an objective of raising \$25,000 this year to augment its endowment and reserve fund.

### **Digging for History**

With the help of a \$50,000 grant from the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications, archeologists will be on site this summer to undertake an inventory of the archeological resources of the site. Archeologist Dominique Lalonde and UQAR professors Manon Savard and Nicolas Beaudry and their students will undertake of the sites that may reveal the hidden history left by early 19th century colonists and by native communities from thousands of years ago.

Dominique Lalonde will present their findings from last year's investigations at an illustrated lecture on Sunday, August 4 as part of the Mois de l'Archéologie. A team from the UQAR will be leading archeological workshops for children on Saturday, August 17 from 10 am to 12 noon and from 2 to 4 pm to initiate them into the principles and pleasures of archeology. Those wanting to visit the digs will be able to do so from 2 to 4 pm on Wednesday, June 26, Tuesday, July 2 and Thursday, July 4.

### **The Gardens – A Vision for Tomorrow**

Over the past six months, we have been doing some intense work planning for the future. The 50th anniversary of the gardens in 2012 made us look back – and forward. Looking back made us appreciate the extraordinary story of the gardens and the remarkable progress we have made over the past 18 years in beautifying the site and its buildings. Looking forward makes us think about the special challenges and opportunities on the horizon. To changing tastes, new travel patterns, shifts in the job market and the development of the communities around us, we are responding with an ambitious

project of new programs and improvements, including the greenest house, pathways and trails to the Mitis River and the St. Lawrence, the creation of a greenbelt to protect the ecosystems adjacent to the gardens and new programs for youth, families and the elderly. To learn more about this project, join us for one of the information sessions in July, August and September. As part of the process to finalize our vision for the gardens for the next 5 years, we will be consulting members of the gardens to get your feedback, harvest your ideas and encourage your participation in our upcoming ideation process. Our staff will be conducting on-site surveys and one-to-one surveys in the coming months. If you would like to take part in the process, please contact us at [vision@refordgardens.com](mailto:vision@refordgardens.com).

### **Welcoming Interns from Far and Wide**

The summer of 2013 is the year of the intern. We have expanded our internship program and are welcoming students and interns from across Canada and around the world. With the support of the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation, we are welcoming youth from the DESTA Black Youth Network in Montreal for an 11-week internship of working and learning and environmental activities.

We are also hosting interns coming to us from horticultural colleges in Québec and France and programs in landscape and architecture from the Université Laval, the Université du Québec à Montréal and the École Nationale Supérieure du Paysage in Versailles, France.

### **Special Privileges for Members**

Don't forget that your season's pass allows you free admission to the Domaine Joly-de Lotbinière and the Manoir Fraser in Rivière-du-Loup.

### **Join our Facebook Family to keep up with our latest news**

The best way to keep abreast of what's on, what's in bloom and breaking news, join us on Facebook. We recently hit the plateau of 3,000 friends and want to have 5,000 friends by the end of the summer.





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