

Much like the forest within it, the Arboretum is full of action as we prepare for the many events coming up in the next few weeks. Thank you to those of our members who have already sent in their renewal forms (for those who haven't yet, this sentence is a gentle nudge!). Please take a look at the following upcoming events (they are all **FREE** for members) – and for those of you tending to your gardens, please pay special attention to the end of this email!



*White-Throated Sparrow – taken April 25 during the guided walk  
Photo : Hannah Legault*

## Early Migrants : Guided Walk with Bird Protection Quebec Thursday, May 2 : 9am-11am

Barbara MacDuff led an excellent bird walk on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> to show birders of all levels some of the early arrivals of migratory bird species. Some 27 species were seen and heard by the group, and since additional migratory species will have arrived since then, we highly recommended you attend! Among the stars of the day were several red-bellied woodpeckers, two male cardinals arguing over (and trying to impress) a female, a pair of wood ducks, and a turkey vulture.

Find the Facebook event for the next event [here](#).

[More details](#)



Photo : Tom Kingsbury

## Spring Spruce Up Day Saturday, May 4 : 9am-1pm

If you are looking for an opportunity to take in some fresh air after months of being cooped up, might we interest you in a day outdoors working to beautify the Arboretum and prepare it for the months to come? Join the Friends of the Morgan Arboretum Committee for spring spruce-up on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a great event where you can meet others who share an enthusiasm for the Arboretum and get some exercise outdoors. Those interested can meet at the Conservation Centre at 9am.

Tools you can bring: rake, hatchet, bow saw, and clippers that cut small branches. (Hand tools only – no power tools)

Light refreshment will be provided, but we recommend you **bring your own sandwich**.

[Facebook Event](#)

[More details](#)



*White trilliums | Photo : André Devost*

## Forest Spring Flowers Saturday, May 4 : 11am-12pm

Most flowering plants that grow on the forest floor bloom during the two or three weeks between the first few warm days of spring and when the canopy becomes full of leaves. This means that Arboretum visitors are given a special opportunity each year (in a very short window of time) to experience the unique beauty of these spring ephemerals right here in the Arboretum. Fortunately for those who enjoy flowers but are not as bloom-savvy, we have two bilingual guided walks taking place to show you where to find these beauties and give you some interesting information about them!

[Facebook event](#)

[More details](#)



*Large false Solomon's seal | Photo : Richard Droker (FLICKR)*

## CALL for perennials!

If you are planning on dividing your native perennials this spring, please think of us! We are asking for donations of clumps from anyone who is thinning out their perennials.

These will help further beautify the Arboretum, and we believe it's a "greener" (no pun intended) option than throwing them away.

Please bring your perennial clumps to the Gatehouse during the Victoria Day long weekend (May 18 to 21) with (some form of) cultivar identification.



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