

Arboretum ^{Morgan}

Welcome New & Returning Members:

June 1 is around the corner! We are very happy to see many new membership forms this year, in addition to your renewals. To our new members, welcome to Arbo Info, the electronic newsletter that will keep you up-to-date and connected with the Arboretum. This edition features a couple of events coming up we'd like to remind everyone about, a Blossom update, and other bits of news.

Thank you all for your annual contribution in support of the Arboretum!



How would you survive in the wild? Photo : Sarah Dixon

Reminder: Survival in the Wild - Useful Plants

This Saturday, June 1, 10 am - 1 pm

Join Sarah Dixon on an educational walk through the Arboretum, and learn about many of the wonderful plants found in nature and how they can help you survive in the wild!

[Details](#)

[Facebook Event](#)



The Bellevue Observatory (located next to the second parking lot). Photo : Morrie Portnoff

Reminder: The Summer Night Sky Saturday, June 8, 8 – 11 pm

You've probably seen this photo of the Bellevue Observatory on our website. The mysterious white dome by the second parking lot shelters a 14" telescope! On June 8, the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) is holding a Star Party and inviting the public to join them for a guided observation. Youssef Bestavros will give a one-hour talk, following which the group will go outside to enjoy the summer night sky courtesy of the Bellevue Observatory and other telescopes made available by RASC members. Although reservations are not required, the doors open at 7:30 pm and we recommend coming early to avoid interrupting the talk, which begins at 8 pm.

[Details](#)

[Facebook Event](#)



Blossom Corner, May 29, 8:30 am | Photo : Hannah Legault

Blossom Update: Crab Apple Season, Cucumber Tree

Our flowering trees are getting a lot of attention thanks in part to Communications Assistant Hannah Legault and her coverage of the blossoms online. We come to you this week with another update: the fruit trees in Blossom Corner are bursting with fragrant blooms to be enjoyed while they last. If you saw the Saucer magnolia blooms online and enjoyed them but couldn't get here to see them in person, our Cucumber Tree (*Magnolia acuminata*, a species native of southern Ontario) cultivar 'Elizabeth', is currently adorned with equally large blooms in a delicate shade of yellow.

It's also crab apple blossoming season! Experience it from one of Blossom Corner's benches, for the sights, smells, and, oh yes, the many migrant and nesting bird songs!

DETOUR Due to Construction on Sainte-Marie

You may have noticed some construction occurring around the entrance to the Arboretum. Although it does not directly affect entry to the Arboretum, we wish to inform our members that a section of Chemin Sainte-Marie will be closed to traffic from June 3 to 17. This will not affect access for anyone coming from Chemin des Pins, nor from the west on chemin Sainte-Marie. The only portion of Sainte-Marie that will be closed is between the Arboretum access road eastward to the Ecomuseum. As shown above, a detour will be in place.



Garlic Mustard by the Conservation Centre. Photo : Hannah Legault

Call for Volunteers: Culling of Invasive Species

As the leaves unfurl and flowers begin to bloom, we are noticing the emergence of foes that do not belong in the Arboretum! At the moment, it is Garlic Mustard and Siberian Squill flowering season, a time when they are easy to spot and suppress. For those who can join the squad, a brief training session on the species to be tackled will be followed by a survey of their location in the Arboretum. We will be weeding them out of the ground as we find them. Let us know if you can lend us a hand for half a day next week by emailing us: morgan.arboretum@mcgill.ca.

Reminder about ticks

To protect yourself and your dog from tick bites, please follow the precautions listed in our [tick guide](#). For additional information or to report a tick, visit etick.ca.



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