

Memorial Grove Tree Program

An initiative of the Wheatley Two Creeks Association

Since 1993 community volunteers have taken responsibility managing the Wheatley Two Creeks Conservation Area. Operating as a non-profit organization, the Association addresses the conservation, recreation and cultural needs of the Wheatley community and area while maintaining the ecological significance of the unique flora and fauna of our Carolinian forest. Our Memorial Tree program is one of many ways to fulfill these needs and you can help by dedicating a tree. The Conservation Area is owned by the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority.

Our mission is to provide our community with a safe place and space where people, plants and animals can interact—a place where people can let go of their emotions and where plants and animals can find a haven to fulfill their life cycle.

We find that life is like a tree; roots are formed in early years and we grow older with the seasons. We reach maturity and finally we de cease. In all those years we live, a lot of events happen— a birth, a graduation, a degree or diploma, a first job, a marriage, an anniversary, a promotion, first place in sports or arts, a death; the events are countless. So why not dedicate a tree to celebrate and/or remember those events. More trees need to be planted anyway, so provide yourself, our community and future generations with a beautiful and useful Memorial Grove. Furthermore, trees generate clear air, they provide climate control, watershed management and are a haven for wildlife. And last but not least, trees are beautiful.

South-western Ontario defines the northern part of the Carolinian Life Zone; a geographical area from the Carolina's in the United States to the greater Toronto area here in Canada. This area holds many species of flora and fauna nowhere else found in Canada. The board would like to emphasize that you select a native tree for the groves, according to your own budget. You can contact Marjan at 519-825-4217 for tree options. We require a one-time \$75 fee to accommodate all costs to maintain the groves and equipment and supply a post and engraved plaque for the tree. You are encouraged to water the tree, as our board cannot be held responsible for the tree's performance.

The Memorial Groves are located in the Two Creeks Conservation Area, on Kent Road 1, just north of the town of Wheatley. Walk from the parking lot, cross a bridge going north. The Memorial Groves arch welcomes you.

Every year we organize Memorial Sunday where we celebrate and remember the occasions for the tree dedications. Join us, this year it will be on Sunday, September 20 2009 at 2:00pm. Please bring family and friends.

For more information on Two Creeks or the program;

Call Rick Taves, 519-825-3736

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2009 Memorial Grove Tree Program

Your name

Phone number

Trees is in dedication of

Engraved text

Selected tree species

Please make a cheque payable to Two Creeks for \$75 per tree, fill out this form and submit to:
Wheatley Two Creeks Association
P.O. Box 1011
Wheatley, Ontario, N0P 2P0

Please mark you calendar for September 20 2009 at 2:00 gathering at the Pavilion.
The Conservation Area is located just 3 km north of down town Wheatley, on Kent Road 1.