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What happened on the Seventh Annual Earth Day 2014 In Eden Mills?

❖ BIRD WATCHING HIKE:

The early-bird birders sighted 28 species!

Canada Goose	Blue Jay
Common Merganser	Chipping Sparrow
Mallard Duck	European Starling
Wood Duck	Field Sparrow
Barn Swallow	Mourning dove
Belted Kingfisher	American Goldfinch
Rough-winged Swallow	Common Grackle
Tree swallow	Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird	Black-capped Chickadee
Song Sparrow	Hairy Woodpecker
American Crow	Northern Flicker
Cooper's Hawk (likely but not certain)	Red-breasted Nuthatch
Turkey Vulture	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
American Robin	White-breasted Nuthatch

Brian Husband tells us that the list is pretty much what one would expect this time of year, although the Cooper's Hawk is a good sighting, and the Field Sparrow and Rough-winged Swallow were surprising to me. They usually arrive a little later in the spring.

Thank you Brian!!

❖ TREE PLANTING

We distributed all 740 trees from Wellington Green Legacy we had lined up in Joe and Barb's driveway. We were over-subscribed for several species.

Thank you Bill Allen for coordinating the tree orders!

Thank you Joe and Barb for watching over the future forest!

Thanks to all who participated and planted!

Thanks to Wellington Green Legacy!

The Guardians of Eden (ages 6 - 12) helped with the special planting along the Eramosa River at Wellington Road 29 and Barden Street. Group Leader Jack Darmon reports that they had a fantastic morning of planting trees. They also heard amazing stories told by Kit about the wonders of Costa Rica (while Kit was planting too!) The weather cooperated nicely and they planted the majority of our trees strategically in open areas where the run off from the

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adjacent farm fields causes erosion and wet areas. "We pondered what age we would be when the sugar maples we planted would be ready for maple sap tapping... it was an awe inspiring moment... when the kids realized they would be in their 20's..."

The Guardians next event will be Wednesday, May 7 at 6pm for a game of Capture the Flag in the Eden Mills park. They will also be collecting litter on our walk to the park.

Three cheers for the Jack and Kit and the Guardians of Eden!

❖ **BOOK LAUNCH** *Severn and The Day She Silenced the World*

In the afternoon we launched Janet Wilson's new book *Severn and The Day She Silenced the World*. We had a full house in the Club Room. Janet's presentation brought to life the significance of 12-year-old Severn Cullis-Suzuki's intervention into the high-level international First Earth Summit in Rio in 1992. Janet screened the actual video recording of that speech and we were all staggered by the bold honesty of youth speaking truth to power. We are moved by Janet's commitment to telling stories of young activists and her belief in what young people are contributing and will continue to contribute to the world.

Janet has books at home if anyone is interested in purchasing a copy! Great reading for all ages!

Thank you to Helen Kubiw, Eden Mills resident, teacher and Coordinator of the Forest of Trees and Silver Birch awards for books for young people, for introducing Janet.

Bravo to Juliet Zimmerman, one of the young readers of Eden Mills, who thanked Janet so eloquently.

Thank you to all who helped make the book launch happen: Anna Simon, Kathie Lamie, Steve Simpson, Les Zawadzki, John Crompton, Chris Wilson and Kit Bresnahan.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!!

On May 1, *Janet Wilson was named 2014 Guelph Woman of Distinction* in Arts and Culture at the 19th annual Women of Distinction Gala Evening presented by the YM and YWCA's at the River Run Centre. Congratulations Janet!!

❖ **TIM'S GARDEN AT THE HALL**

Charles Simon, Robin Aggus, Marilyn Baxter and Les Zawadzki began the process of bringing Tim's Garden and the landscaped Hall parking lot into reality. Robin surveyed the area to set the scene for grading. Post hole locations were determined for trellises and the general outline of spaces was marked in red. A great first step. THANKS to all!

❖ **AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, BIG THANKS TO KIT BRESNAHAN** for coming home and bringing his zest for life and the earth to his 7th anniversary of organizing Earth Day! He also, of course, put up posters, hiked for birds, planted trees, and washed dishes too...Welcome home Pam and Kit.

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