



The Probus Club of Etobicoke

April 17, 2015

Edit George
Guest Speaker

Dear Edith

Thank you so much for speaking to The Probus Club of Etobicoke today on "Heritage Tree - Preserving Our Natural Roots".

We truly appreciate your willingness to take time from your busy schedule to come and speak to us and to answer questions. Be assured that the time has been well spent.

Our members were very impressed with your presentation. Your slides, which contained video, audio and animations, were very professional. Your enthusiasm and passion for your subject was infectious. In fact, I received an email from one of our members after your presentation stating "The speaker was incredible -- I didn't know that I could get teary over a tree!!"

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Peter Hildyard
President
Probus Club of Etobicoke



Men's

Probus

Club of Grand Bend and Area

Meets Third Tuesday 10:00 - 12:00 at the Grand Bend Legion Hall

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Dear Edith,

The members of our Club were very impressed with your address to us regarding Heritage Trees.

Your passion for this important aspect to our Canadian history and heritage is evident in your address and we wish you well in your continued dedication to this subject.

Thank you again for your effort to be with us and I know our Probus members will have an ongoing interest in all your future work.

Thank you again
Jim Southcott, Chair, Program Committee
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THE PROBUS CLUB OF TORONTO

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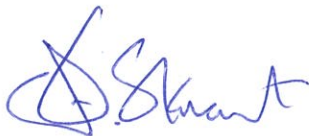
Dear Edith:

Re: Appreciation for your Presentation about Heritage Trees

On behalf of our Club, I wanted to thank you for your very interesting presentation with photos at our General Meeting last Wednesday, May 11th.

The information about heritage trees-----including how they are judged and classified---- was most interesting, to say nothing of the various photos and some of the historical implications of some particular trees in this area and the people whose lives they touched.

Yours very truly,



Tim Stuart
President



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To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Edith George, Heritage Trees

On April 4, 2016, Edith George presented a 20 minute talk on "Heritage Tree – Preserving our Natural Roots" to the Rotary Club of London.

Well presented, the talk elicited significant interest, as evidenced by the number of questions that arose at the end.

We were particularly appreciative of Edith's reliability, as she had to travel to London from Toronto in inclement weather.

Edith's topic is unique in that it is in an area of conservation that, to the writer's knowledge, does not garner regular attention.

If your organization is seeking a guest speaker who speaks with passion and confidence and is well informed on her topic, you may wish to consider Edith's presentation on Heritage Trees.

Regards,

Michele Parkin
President, Rotary Club of London

WESTON LIONS CLUB

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January 19, 2014

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Dear Edith,

On behalf of the Weston Lions Club, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your most interesting presentation on Heritage Trees. Our Club members and guests thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

It was very clear to us that you are passionate on the subject of Heritage Trees and the history of this area. Your intensive research was clearly evident in your presentation. I thought the way that you wove the history of specific trees with the stories of local families and their properties was wonderful. Many of our Club members are long-time Weston residents and they recognized many of the family names and addresses you spoke about. Prompted by your visit, we often continue to discuss local history at our dinner meetings. You certainly made an impression.

Your research and story-telling style of presentation was unique and very enjoyable. We hope that you will agree to come back to visit us on another occasion to tell us more about Heritage Trees and their place in the history of our wonderful community.

We look forward to seeing you again.

Yours sincerely,



Sandy Ross
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Newsletter Article - Kingsway Humber Kiwanis Meeting: March 26, 2012

Special Guest

Katherine Irwin MacDonald introduced **Edith George**, who is an advisor to the Ontario Urban Forestry Council. Edith began her mission when a neighbour asked her to help protect a great red oak tree in her backyard. Edith now speaks all over the province about Heritage Trees and their link to our natural roots.

This great red oak is an indigenous species to the Humber River Watershed and was once part of the historic Carrying Place Trail, a former native portage route. It now stands as one of Canada's oldest and largest red oak trees at 25 meters tall and over 250 years old.

The term heritage tree is used to describe a tree, like this one, which is not only grand in size and form but is also associated with a rich historical and cultural history. The Ontario Tree Alliance has developed a tool kit and evaluation form to help identify and protect these heritage trees.

Edith wove for us a very interesting tapestry of the people and events that are linked with this tree's owners and their associates. She presented a historical sketch of this part of Southern Ontario, using the red oak as the focal point, from Etienne Brule through the MacKenzie Rebellion to the architects of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The finale - an intriguing letter about an imaginary party at the base of the tree, featured all the people who came in contact with it.

Debbie Hardy thanked Edith for helping us to look at ancient trees in a new way.