



**YORKLANDS GREEN HUB**  
Opening green doors to the future.

Welcome to the Yorklands community update!

### **Yorklands Community Update: June 27, 2025**

☀️ 🌈 Summer is officially here, and we can't wait to share what we have in store:

🚧 🎉 Celebrate the Trestle Bridge on June 29th - Join us to say farewell to the Trestle Bridge!

👋 🌍 Call for Volunteers - We have a bunch of exciting positions open; make sure to check them out!

🌿 Call for Noticing Nature Facilitator - A great opportunity for folks with a background in outdoor education, community arts, or youth programming!

❄️ Stay Cool!

The Yorklands Team

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# CELEBRATE THE TRESTLE BRIDGE

## A GUIDED WALK WITH SUSAN RATCLIFFE



- HEAR ITS REMARKABLE BACK-STORY — FROM QUARRY RAIL SPUR TO PRISONER-BUILT LANDMARK



- SEE THE STRUCTURE UP CLOSE BEFORE ACCESS IS CLOSED AND DEMOLITION BEGINS
- LEARN WHAT'S NEXT AND HOW YOU CAN ADD YOUR VOICE TO PRESERVATION EFFORTS.

JOIN YORKLANDS GREEN HUB'S SUSAN RATCLIFFE AS SHE GUIDES VISITORS FOR A SPECIAL, ONE-TIME WALK TO THE BRIDGE

SUNDAY JUNE 29, 1- 2:30 PM | MEET AT THE SCOUT CAMP PARKING LOT ON STONE RD., GUELPH

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🚧👤 Come celebrate the Trestle Bridge with us!

The century-old wooden Trestle Bridge that spans the Eramosa River has stood watch over the former Ontario Reformatory lands since 1912.

Recently, the province issued a call for contractors to demolish the bridge, citing “increased structural deterioration.” Heritage advocates note that repairing the structure could cost less than tearing it down, but the clock is ticking. For more information about the situation, please refer to the Guelph today article, [linked here](#).

Practical details for the event:

- Easy, 20-minute walk each way on uneven ground – sturdy shoes recommended.
- Family-friendly; children must be supervised near the riverbank.
- Accessible alternate viewing points available on request.

Let’s give this bridge the send-off — or reprieve — it deserves.

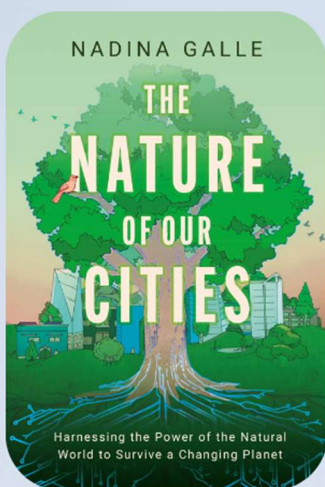
See you on June 29!

**Register Now:** <https://trestlebridge.eventbrite.ca>

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# ***SUMMER BOOK CLUB***

**# G U E L P H G R E E N R E A D S**





**FOLLOW THE HASHTAG #GUELPHGREENREADS  
AND JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF READERS THIS  
SUMMER!**

🌲 It's Not Just How Many You Plant—It's How Many Survive!

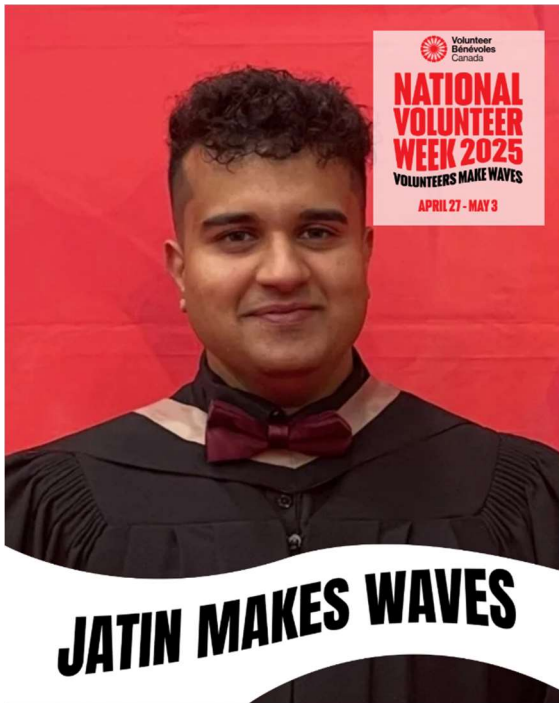
As part of the #GuelphGreenReads city-wide book club, we're featuring [\*The Nature of Our Cities\*](#) by ecological engineer Dr. Nadina Galle—a powerful exploration of how urban environments can thrive when we use technology to support, rather than replace, nature.

To enrich your reading, we highly recommend her podcast episode, *Don't Tell Me How Many Trees You Planted—Tell Me How Many Are Still There After 20 Years*, featuring Tom Ebeling of Openlands. In this candid conversation, they delve into the often-overlooked truth that tree planting is only the beginning—real environmental impact stems from long-term care, community engagement, and tracking survival over the decades. It's the perfect companion piece to the book, sparking critical thinking about what it means to steward urban ecosystems.

 **Give it a listen:** <https://www.nadinagalle.com/podcasts/s5e8-dont-tell-me-how-many-trees-you-planted-tell-me-how-many-are-still-there-after-20-years-with-tom-ebeling-of-openlands>

 Copies of *The Nature of Our Cities* are available at [The Guelph Public Library](#) and [The Bookshelf](#).

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We've decided National Volunteer Week is too short to celebrate all the wonderful people that make our work possible. Every week we'll be introducing you to some exceptional YGH volunteers in each bi-weekly e-blast, beginning with our new Board Members! This week we're pleased to introduce you to our new Treasurer Jatin!

*Jatin Choudhary holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Management Economics and Finance and a minor in Accounting. He is currently pursuing his CPA and has hands-on experiences with accounts receivables/payables, financial reporting through his past work experience. He is passionate about using his skills to contribute to community-focused, sustainability driven organizations like Yorklands Green Hub.*

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# CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Help build a greener, more resilient community for  
everyone!

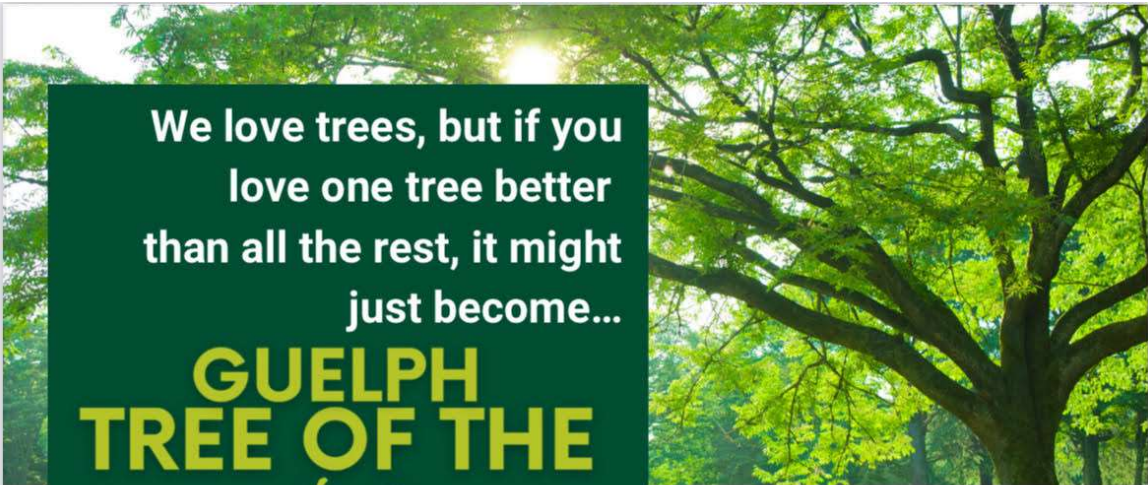


👏🌍 We're Looking for Volunteers!

Want to get more involved with Yorklands Green Hub? We're currently seeking volunteers to support our numerous events, as well as help behind the scenes as our Events Coordinator or on our Environmental Education Advisory Committee. Whether you love connecting with the community or organizing communications or events, we'd love to hear from you! Interested?

Email us at [info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca](mailto:info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca) to learn more or apply here:  
<https://yorklandsgreenhub.ca/volunteer-form/>.

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We love trees, but if you love one tree better than all the rest, it might just become...

# GUELPH TREE OF THE Year

Do you know of a special tree that deserves to be honoured as our 2025 Tree of the Year?

Submit a photo or drawing and your nomination in 250 words or less by June 30th. Be sure to include your contact info and tree location. Kids entries are welcome!

**Winner will be awarded a gift certificate prize.**

The 2025 Tree of the Year is sponsored by Echo Foundation, which offers grants for protection of natural areas of ecological importance. It also supports concrete sustainable environmental practices.



**Please submit by:**


Email to [guelph@treetrust.ca](mailto:guelph@treetrust.ca) or scan the QR to access the submission form:



Tree Trust is the only program working to protect legacy trees, the hardworking but under-appreciated eco-heroes of healthy communities everywhere. For more information, please visit [TreeTrust.ca](http://TreeTrust.ca).






 Join Our Team: Lead Art & Nature Sessions for Youth

Yorklands Green Hub is now accepting applications for Noticing Nature facilitators!

We're looking for creative and experienced individuals to lead this unique 2-hour outdoor program that inspires children and youth to connect with nature through guided ecological discovery and artistic expression.

Sessions take place at the beautiful Yorklands site and blend observation, creativity, and environmental awareness.

If you have a background in outdoor education, community arts, or youth engagement—and a passion for nurturing the next generation of nature stewards—we encourage you to apply. Learn more and fill out the facilitator application form on our website or click the button below. 

[Apply Today](#)



**DON'T LET IT SLIP**

**COME AND GET A  
MEMBERSHIP!**

**Along with supporting historic and eco-friendly initiatives, a membership comes with a wide range of exclusive benefits. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!**

**Visit:** <https://yorklandsgreenhub.ca/become-member/>

By now you've heard about the launch of our new membership model, designed to offer enhanced benefits and flexibility to our valued members!

As we continue our mission to promote environmental sustainability and community engagement, we believe that this new model will better serve the diverse needs and interests of our members. As current memberships expire, we will be gradually transitioning all members to the new membership model. Rest assured, we will

provide ample communication and support throughout this process to ensure a seamless transition for all members.

We invite you to explore our new membership tiers and consider renewing your membership at your preferred level. Your continued support enables us to drive positive change in our community and beyond.

For more information about the new membership model or to renew your membership, contact Kim Wakeford at [yghmembershipsecretary@yorklandsgreenhub.ca](mailto:yghmembershipsecretary@yorklandsgreenhub.ca)

A special thank you to our sponsors at the Guelph Museums and The Neighbourhood Group for supporting our membership programs!



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