






Welcome to the Yorklands community update!



Yorklands Community Update: September 19, 2025



As we reach the middle of September, the YGH is offering a wide variety of opportunities for the rest of the month. Here's what's happening:

  Q&A with Dr. Nadina Galle - Sept 23 - Conclude the #GuelphGreenReads summer book club by attending a live Q&A at the University of Guelph's Arboretum. More info below!

 Guelph's National Forest Week Schedule: Learn more about the National Forest Week events taking place from Sept 21-27 across Guelph. Don't miss out on all these incredible opportunities!

  Watching for 'Go' Boys: Matthew's Farmhouse Walk - On October 18, come join Susan Ratcliffe for a guided fall walk around the scenic Yorklands site. Uncover the story behind one of its heritage structures.

  Request for Testimonials - Let us know how Yorklands has touched your life by filling out our testimonial form. It only takes 60 seconds...or less.

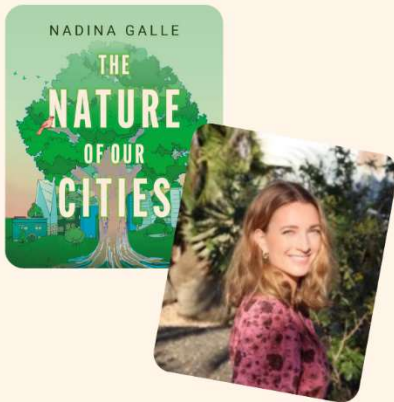
  Volunteer Opportunities: Want to get involved with the YGH? Find out more about the opportunities available with our new events committee and for a Website and Communications volunteer position.

Thank you for your support,

The Yorklands Team

Q & A With Dr. Nadina Galle

#GUELPH GREEN READS



In celebration of National Forest Week, the Yorklands Green Hub and other local organizations are hosting an exclusive Q&A session, featuring **Dr. Nadina Galle** and her groundbreaking book, *The Nature of Our Cities*.

As part of our summer book club, the Q&A is a perfect opportunity for readers to wrap up their reading and ask the author any follow-up questions they may have!

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
SEPT, 23	7-8:30PM	UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH ARBORETUM

Register Now: <https://ggrqanda.eventbrite.ca>



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  Q&A with Dr. Nadina Galle

Join us for the #GuelphGreenReads Finale!


We are pleased to share that the final Q&A with Dr. Nadina Galle, author of *The Nature of Our Cities*, **will now take place in person at the University of Guelph Arboretum.**


This special evening will be a chance to hear directly from Dr. Galle, reflect on the book's ideas, and connect with other readers as we close out this year's #GuelphGreenReads summer book club in the beautiful Arboretum setting.

Event Details:

-  University of Guelph Arboretum
-  Tuesday, September 23, 2025
-  7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there next week!

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

Tickets below 

[Tickets For Q&A](#)

NATIONAL FOREST WEEK 2025

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IN GUELPH
SEPTEMBER 21 - 27

ROOTS OF
RESILIENCE: FROM
SEED TO CANOPY

SUNDAY
21 **NEIGHBOURHOOD FOREST TREE WALK**
Immerse yourself in our urban Preservation Park forest on a guided native tree walk. Led by tree experts from Guelph Tree Trust, Nature Guelph & Reep Green Solutions

1:00 PM TO 2:30 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MONDAY
22 **FOREST BATHING AT THE YORKLANDS**
Giulia Pozzi will lead participants on a forest bathing walk through the Yorklands, using their senses to have a deeper experience in nature.

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
\$20 SUGGESTED DONATION
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MONDAY - SATURDAY
22-27 **ROOTS AND RENEWAL: FOREST WEEK AT IGNATIUS**
A week-long celebration of land, learning, and community including workshops, speakers, forest and sustainable farm tours, kids' activities, music and more.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

TUESDAY
23 **FOREST HISTORY OF VICTORIA WOODS**
Join us for an afternoon tour of The Arboretum's Victoria Woods with Terry Schwann who will talk about the long history of this woodlot.

1:30 PM TO 3:00 PM -
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

"THE NATURE OF OUR CITIES" Q&A WITH DR. NADINA GALLE, AUTHOR

Join us at the Arboretum for an exclusive Q&A with Dr. Nadina Galle, as we wrap up our #GuelphGreenReads summer book club!

7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM AT ARBORETUM CENTRE
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

WEDNESDAY
24 **NOON HOUR WALK: ALL ABOUT SEEDS**
Join us at the Arboretum for an engaging noon-hour walk celebrating seeds!

1:00 PM TO 2:30 PM
MEET AT HALES-MCKAY SHELTER NEAR PARKING LOT AT ARBORETUM

"NATURE'S BEST HOPE" DOUG TALLAMY
Join us to learn from Doug Tallamy as he presents his vision for a Homegrown National Park; a network of habitats to connect natural areas and support native plants and animals.

7:00 PM DOORS OPEN 7:30 PM START, \$10 IN PERSON (ARBORETUM CENTRE) AND ONLINE
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

THURSDAY
25 **TREE BINGO**
Green Drinks Guelph and Nature Guelph invite you to an evening of fun facts playing forest bingo at the Red Chevron Club. Cash Bar, prizes

7:30 PM
RED CHEVRON CLUB, 34 ELIZABETH ST

SATURDAY
27 **CN ECOCONNEXIONS COMMUNITY PLANTING**
Join us for naturalization planting with native trees and shrubs! We'll demonstrate proper techniques and answer any planting questions you have. Sturdy footwear and gloves are recommended.

9:30 AM TO 12:00 PM
GRANGE ROAD PARK NATURAL AREA
598 GRANGE RD.

TALKING ABOUT TREES
Join us for a family event at Enabling Garden and meet *The Superhero for Trees!* Hear a story about the magic of the Ash and enjoy an art activity. Adults bring a chair.

10:30 AM TO 11:30 AM
ENABLING GARDEN, RIVERSIDE PARK. IF RAINING MEET UNDER THE PICNIC SHELTER.



FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER, SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT:
GUFFGUELPH.CA/EVENTS/



Guelph's National Forest Week Schedule

The YGH is pleased to share with you Guelph's very own event schedule for National Forest Week. As a collaborative effort with several community partners, we look forward to the opportunities during the week to connect, learn, and celebrate the natural world that surrounds us.

If you're interested in any of the events, be sure to click the link below, as many of them require registration.

Guelph's Forest Week Information  <https://guffguelph.ca/events>

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AGAINST injustice, pollution, & violence**



**Global Day of Action
in Guelph
Saturday Sept 20
2025**



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GUELPH**

📌 Global Day of Action

The Guelph Climate Action Network is preparing for the Global Day of Action tomorrow on Saturday, September 20. Communities and organizations across Canada will come together to raise awareness of the serious threats posed by climate change and environmental pollution.

To stay in the loop about Guelph's Day of Action, check out the [Guelph Climate Action Network website](#).

WATCHING FOR 'GO' BOYS

A walk around the Matthew's farmhouse with Susan Ratcliffe



SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 1-2:30 pm
MEET AT THE STONE GATE, 919 YORK ROAD

**Rain date will be October 19th, 10-11:30am*

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OCTOBER





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  Watching for 'Go' Boys: Matthew's Farmhouse Walk

Who doesn't love afternoon weekend walks during the autumn season?

Join Susan Ratcliffe for a walk around Matthew's Farmhouse, a heritage building on the Yorklands site. Susan will share stories of the building's former occupants, its purpose at the OR and the significance of these heritage buildings to our community.

We'll be meeting at the stone gate farther along York Road (919 York Rd). More specific instructions about where to meet will be emailed prior to the event.

 **Get your free tickets today:** <https://GoBoys.eventbrite.ca>

* Rain date will be October 19th, 10-11:30am.



* This farmhouse walk is a re-scheduled walk from the summer. Our first walk had to be canceled due to thunderstorms.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

GUELPH GREEN READS



FOLLOW THE HASHTAG #GUELPH GREEN READS
AND JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF READERS THIS
SUMMER!


  Envisioning A Future of Urban Forests: #GuelphGreenReads


As our #GuelphGreenReads summer book club on Dr. Nadina Galle's *The Nature of Our Cities* wraps up, YGH is celebrating our discoveries and is gearing up to explore them just a bit further.

That's why we're spotlighting [S5E2 — What Can We Learn from the World's Best](#)

[Urban Forests?](#) This episode directly connects to themes from Dr. Galle's book, offering practical ways to translate her ideas into action. In the episode, Dr. Galle sits down with Dan Lambe, CEO of the Arbor Day Foundation, to trace his journey into urban forestry, delve into the origins of Arbor Day, and highlight the hallmarks of the world's most vibrant urban canopies. It also unpacks how cutting-edge data and technology are revolutionizing tree protection measures.

Their conversation offers practical approaches for communities seeking to cultivating urban forests — such forests have the power to enrich our shared environment and boost our collective well-being.

 **Give it a listen:** <https://www.nadinagalle.com/podcasts/s5e2-what-can-we-learn-from-the-worlds-best-urban-forests-with-dan-lambe-of-arbor-day-foundation>

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HOW HAS YORKLANDS TOUCHED YOUR LIFE?

*TELL US HOW IN 60 SECONDS! FILL OUT THE
FORM BELOW*



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If interested, please fill out the form below and share your experiences! Your responses are extremely valuable for the YGH.

Link to the form is here: <https://form-can.keela.co/testimonial-form>





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Make meaningful contributions to our community and help build a stronger, more sustainable, and environmentally conscious future for all!

Email us at: info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca

  We're Looking for Volunteers!

Want to get involved with Yorklands Green Hub?

Want to make meaningful contributions to the community, meet new people, and help cultivate a stronger, more sustainable and environmentally conscious future for all?

Look no further – such opportunities are available to YGH volunteers!

We're currently seeking volunteers for our **events committee**. The new events committee is similar to the old PEP (Programs, Events, and Promotions) committee, which offered a lot of fun to previous volunteers.


Whether you love connecting with the community or organizing communications or events, we'd love to hear from you!

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



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Website & Communications Volunteer

 Join Our Team: Website & Communications Volunteer Position

The Website & Communications Volunteer will play a key role in maintaining Yorklands Green Hub's website as an up-to-date and engaging resource for our community. You will ensure that event listings, announcements, and other content remain accurate, accessible, and visually appealing. **This role supports efficient communication and online engagement with Yorklands' community and stakeholders.**

The role involves:

- Updating website content in WordPress, including current events and notices
- Assisting with content design in Canva
- Working collaboratively with the Communications Team to gather and post updates
- Participating in monthly Communications Team meetings
- 1-2 hour time commitment each week

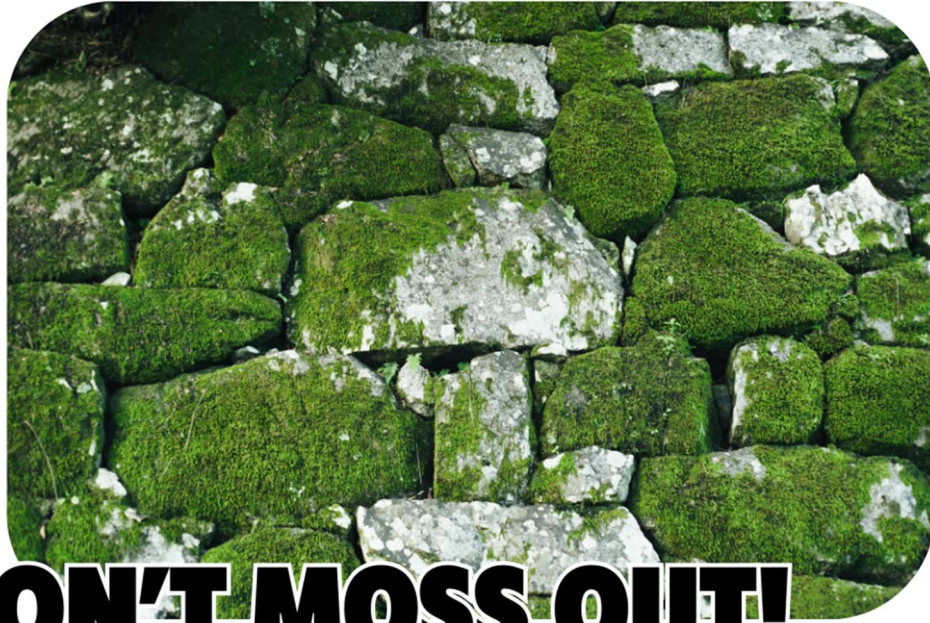
Email us at info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca to learn more or apply here:
<https://yorklandsgreenhub.ca/volunteer-form/>.



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. This week we're pleased to introduce you to our Volunteer Coordinator, Briar!

"Briar graduated from the University of Guelph with an Honours Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science and a minor in Psychology. During her studies, she was involved in Student Wellness where she discovered a passion for volunteering and creating connections in her community. She joined YGH in May and will be stepping into the role of Volunteer Coordinator in September."



DON'T MOSS OUT!

Become a member today

Our members enjoy exclusive rewards and benefits! Walk a mossy path towards a greener future with us by becoming a member today!

VISIT: [HTTPS://YORKLANDSGREENHUB.CA/BECOME-MEMBER/](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

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



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