

YORKLANDS GREEN HUB
opening green doors to the future

Welcome to the Yorklands community update!

Yorklands Community Update, 22 May 2026

Yorklands thanks all those who attended our annual AGM last week. We're also excited to announce two activities planned for June — scroll down for more information!

Plein Air – June 6

Yorklands is inviting all artists for a day of painting, sketching, and creating from 11am to 4pm. Come join us for a day of creativity and nature.

The Quarry Story

Join Susan Ratcliffe for a guided walk and uncover the quarry's connection to the Ontario Reformatory. Registration is free.

Open Volunteer Opportunity

Want to join Yorklands? Learn more about our membership secretary position below.

Small Change Fund

Join us in protecting Yorklands. Our partnership with SCF supports our work in urban conservation, biodiversity, and reconciliation.

Thank you for your support,

The Yorklands Team

Plein Air!

Come and be inspired!



Where?

Yorklands Green Hub is inviting all artists to the Old Reformatory, 785 York Road, Guelph

When?

Saturday June 6 2026 - 11am - 4pm

Rain date Sunday June 7 2026

You are also invited to come any time in June!

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How?

Check in at the main gate

Guelph city buses stop at the gate.

No washrooms on site but Tim Hortons close by.

Art will be displayed and offered for sale at the East Side Branch of the Guelph public library in December 2026.

Please Note:

Yorklands volunteers present only on June 6 or 7.

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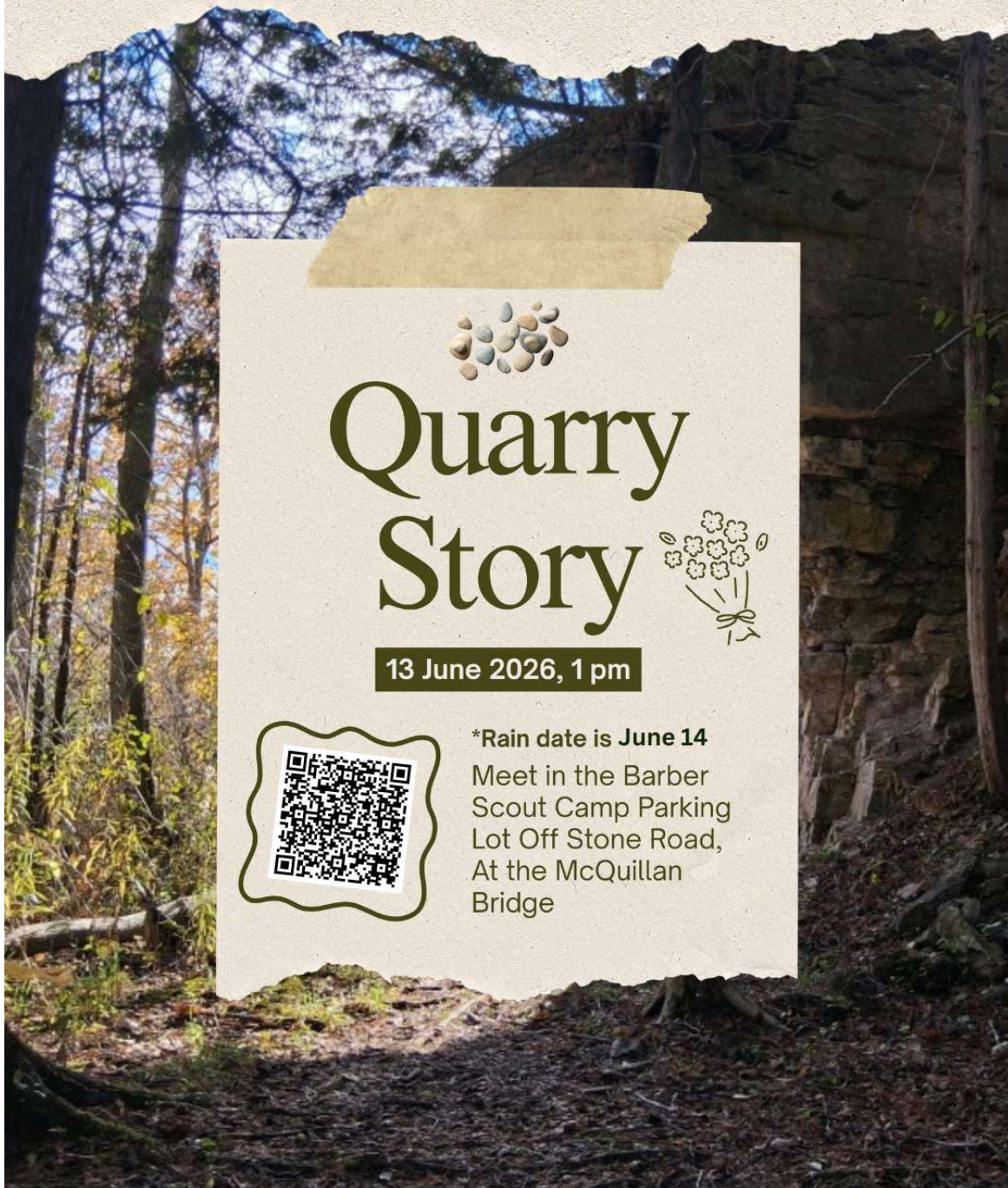
Event Details

 Date/Time: Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 11am - 4pm

 Meeting Location: Old Reformatory, 785 York Road, Guelph

 Registration: <https://pleinairyorklands.eventbrite.ca>

Join Susan on a free guided walk of the Yorklands hidden gem, The Quarry.



 The Quarry Story: A Yorklands Green Hub Guided Walk


Celebrate spring with a guided walk!

Join Susan Ratcliffe for a journey through Yorklands and discover one of the site's hidden gems — the quarry!

Learn more about its fascinating history and its connection to the Ontario Reformatory while walking through the beautiful spring landscape. Don't miss out on this opportunity to deepen your understanding of the site's natural and historical significance.

Tickets are free!

Event Details

 Date/Time: Saturday, June 13, at 1pm

 Location: 733 Stone Rd E, Guelph, ON N1L 1B8

 Registration: <https://quarrystoryygh.eventbrite.ca>

****Please note: We'll be meeting at the Barber Scout Camp parking lot, off Stone Road at the McQuillan Bridge.****

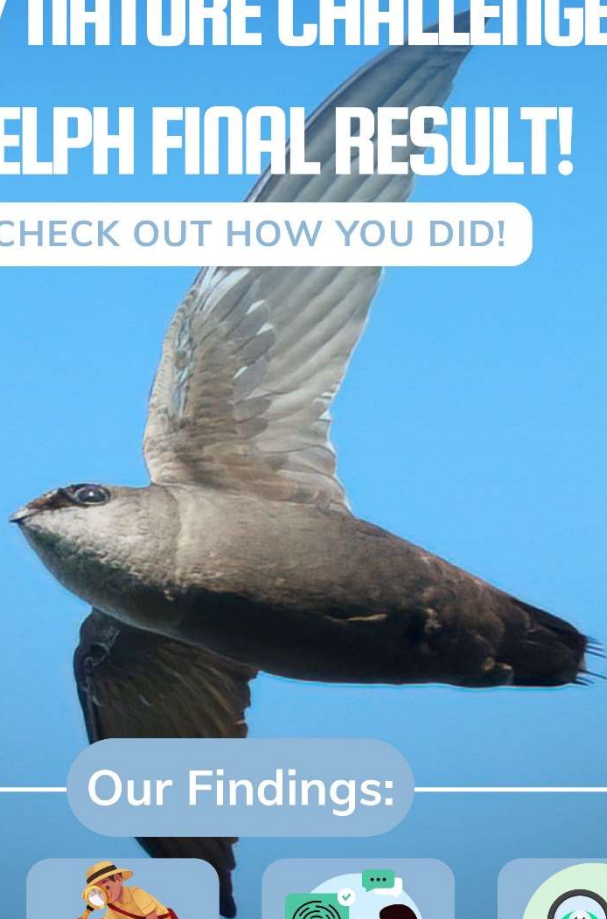
The rain date is scheduled for June 14, at 1pm. The meeting location will remain the same.

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CITY NATURE CHALLENGE

GUELPH FINAL RESULT!

CHECK OUT HOW YOU DID!



Our Findings:

696
Species

130
Observers

373
Identifiers

2,718
Observations



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SHAPE THE FUTURE OF YORKLANDS

Help steward the
Yorklands for future
generations. Don't miss
out and join today.

Collaborate. Conserve. Contribute.

yorklandsgreenhub.ca/volunteer



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 Volunteer Coordinator Position!

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the Membership Secretary role.

As a Membership Secretary, you will:


- Manage our membership database

- Communicate regularly with our members
- Prepare monthly reports for the board

Who we're looking for:

- Someone who is committed to our mission and vision
- Strong organizational skills
- Comfort level with customer relations management software
- Excellent communication skills and problem-solving skills
- 1-2 hour commitment per week

How to get involved:

 If you're interested or have questions, please reach out to info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca

 **Apply here:** <https://yorklandsgreenhub.ca/volunteer-form/>.

BREAK THROUGH

THE CLIMATE
SILENCE



Canadians care deeply about the climate crisis. But too often, it goes unspoken. We can change that. Seniors for Climate's new campaign aims to rekindle the conversation around climate - **Find an event near you at SeniorsforClimate.org**

**CANADIAN ENVIRONMENT WEEK
JUNE 1 - 7**

**SENIORS
FOR
CLIMATE**



HELP PROTECT YORKLANDS

Keep this green space open for everyone

Donate Today

SCAN HERE



 Small Change Fund Partnership

We have joined forces with Small Change Fund on a fundraising campaign called [Revive the Yorklands: A Community Vision for Nature and Belonging](#).

We need to keep the momentum on advocating for the protection of this beautiful gem in our city and for building a generation of caring stewards.

A place where nature, learning, and community thrive for everyone.

Funds drive our efforts to keep the Ontario Reformatory lands protected as public greenspace. Your donations will also support year-round community programming focused on stewardship activities for both young and old. If you donate to our joint project, you will receive a tax receipt through the charitable organization, Small Change Fund.

Join us in bringing this vision to life — watch the video and visit our website to learn more!

 Website: [Revive the Yorklands: A Community Vision for Nature and Belonging](#)

 Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=o3CoEPyiREw>

For further information, please contact us at: info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca

Don't leaf us behind!



Become a member today!

Join our community of members dedicated to preserving the Yorklands site and cultivating a greener, more sustainable future for all. **Don't leaf this opportunity behind! Scan the QR code to join!**



Scan & Learn More!



Members are the heart of Yorklands. **Their contributions fuel initiatives aimed at creating a more environmentally conscious community.** These initiatives protect the

historic Yorklands site, connect people to nature, uphold Indigenous collaboration, and champion environmental education.

We offer both monthly and annual memberships with several tiers of support. Members can select the tier that best fits their interests and capacity. As a token of appreciation, every membership tier comes with exclusive rewards.

Don't leaf this opportunity behind! Become a member and be part of YGH's vision for a greener future!

Email Kim Wakeford at yghmembershipsecretary@yorklandsgreenhub.ca, scan the QR code above, or click “become a member” below.

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



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