

YORKLANDS GREEN HUB
opening green doors to the future

Welcome to the Yorklands community update!

Yorklands Community Update: 5 June 2026

June is here, bringing with it the warm weather and plenty of ways to participate at Yorklands. Join us this month for Plein Air painting, a guided walk, and opportunities to get involved with the YGH. Scroll down to learn more.

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 in nature.

The Quarry Story – June 14


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

McQuillan's Bridge Update

The Committee of the Whole at the City of Guelph approved saving and rehabilitating McQuillan's Bridge. See the post below for more information.

 Board Member Position

Want to join the Yorklands team? Read on to find out about our open board member position.

  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.

World Environment Day is Friday June 5 - come and celebrate the land and reflect on how we can protect nature.

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Our rain date is on Sunday, June 7. No washrooms are on site but there is a Tim Hortons close by. Guelph city #4 bus stops at the gate.

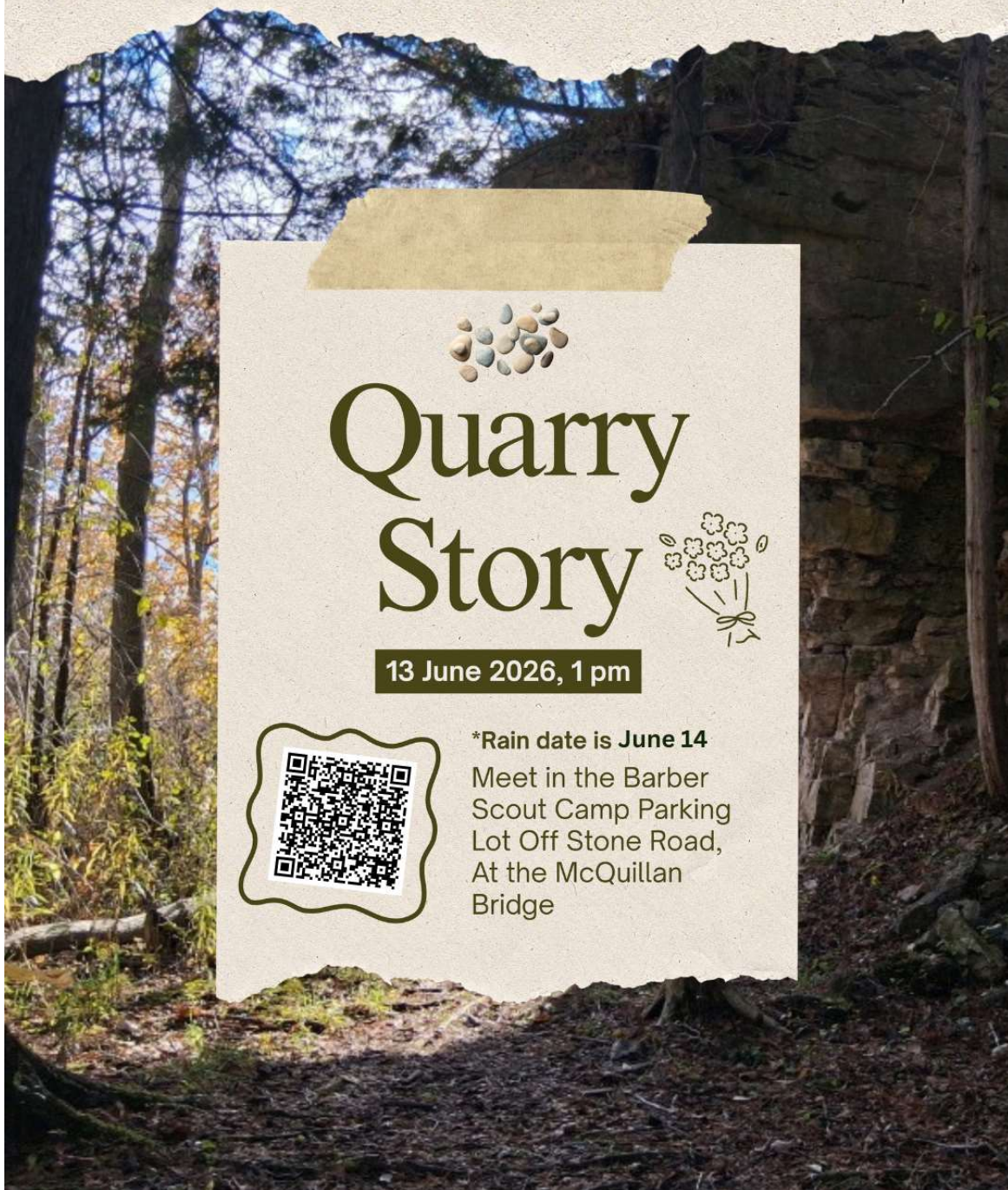
Event Details

 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.

UPDATE

MCQUILLAN'S BRIDGE



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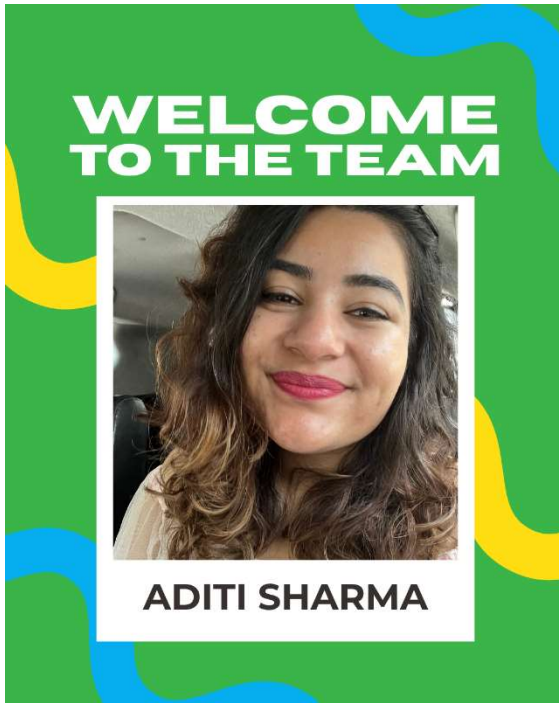
Good News!

The Committee of the Whole at the City of Guelph approved saving and rehabilitating McQuillan's Bridge. The Committee will then make a recommendation to Council to approve it, with a final decision set to be made by the end of June.

We still need all of you to phone and/or write to your Councillors to advocate for preserving the bridge. Your voices matter, and can make a difference towards saving it.

If approved, construction is planned to begin in 2028.

Please read the Guelph Today article for more information: [Council gives early green light to saving McQuillan's Bridge](#)



Yorklands is pleased to introduce our new Volunteer Coordinator, Aditi Sharma. If you cross paths with Aditi, please make sure to give her a warm welcome!

"Hi everyone! I'm Aditi, the new Volunteer Coordinator. I'm excited to be part of the community and to get to know all of our amazing volunteers. I care deeply about supporting meaningful community work and helping create positive environmental change. I look forward to connecting with you and getting to know you!"



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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Open Board Member Position

We are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to join our board.


As a Board Member, you will:

- Attend monthly meetings, review meeting materials and contribute strategic decisions for YGH.
- Join one of our committees, assist with organization fundraising and act as a Yorklands ambassador.

Who we're looking for:

- Community-minded individuals who enjoy working with others.
- Individuals committed to working towards protecting the site and/or general environmental issues.
- Marketing, fundraising, and/or finance experience.

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/>.



National Indigenous History Month

Canada.ca/national-indigenous-history-month
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National Indigenous History Month

The Yorklands Green Hub wishes to honour the diverse, rich cultures of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. June is a month to recognize our shared past and celebrate ongoing Indigenous contributions, which continue to shape Canada to this day.

YGH is striving to work with our Indigenous partners toward integrating both the Indigenous heritage of the Yorklands (OR) property as well as the wise approaches of caring for the land into our programming and our narratives.

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**

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JUNE 1 - 7

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FOR
CLIMATE**



HELP PROTECT YORKLANDS

Keep this green space open for everyone

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  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

Grow Green Help The Team!

☞ *Become a member today!* ☞



**Become a Member,
Make Yorklands a Place to Remember**

Join our community of members
dedicated to preserving Yorklands
and cultivating a **greener, more
sustainable future for all.**



Scan to Join!



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

advocating for the protection of the historic Yorklands site, connecting people to nature, upholding Indigenous collaboration, and championing 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.

Become a member. Help make Yorklands a place to remember!

Email Seana Dawson 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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