



YORKLANDS GREEN HUB
opening green doors to the future

Welcome to the Yorklands community update!

Yorklands Community Update: 7 August 2026

Yorklands welcomes you to August! With the new month comes a series of updates and activities for the rest of the summer.

Plein Air For Young Artists

Yorklands invites all young artists for a day of painting, sketching, and creating from 10am to 1pm on August 15 and 16 at the site. More info below.

Board Member Position

Want to join the Yorklands team? Read on to find out about our open volunteer positions.

Small Change Fund

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

P.S.:

You may have noticed that we haven't sent an e-blast for a few weeks. The YGH Board has decided to move from a **biweekly e-blast to a monthly one**. With this

new format, you should expect an **e-blast in your inbox during the first week of every month.**

We are also planning to include more articles on the work we do and the impacts we're making in the local community. We are excited about our new approach and hope you'll enjoy it!

If you want to share your thoughts, feel free to email us at info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca

Thank you again for your support,

The Yorklands Team

Plein Air!

For young artists!

Where?

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

When?

Saturday, August 15, 2026 - 10 am - 1pm

Sunday, August 16, 2026 - 10 am - 1pm

The site is open any time for you to continue your art!

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**Register on
Eventbrite:**



How?

Check in at the main gate

Guelph city buses stop at the main gate.

No washrooms on site, but Tim Hortons closeby.

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

Please Note:

You can create any type of visual art - paintings, sculpture, architecture, photography!

We encourage everyone to spend time in nature at the Yorklands!

Yorklands invites all young artists to create art inspired by the site's beautiful landscapes, historic architecture, and natural surroundings.

Whether they enjoy painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, or another visual art form, this is an opportunity for children and youth to explore their creativity in a unique outdoor setting. Families are encouraged to come along and enjoy the experience together.

Please note:

- Check in at the main gate.
- Guelph Transit buses stop at the main gate.
- No washrooms on site, but a Tim Hortons is nearby.
- Completed artwork will be displayed and offered for sale at the East Side Branch of the Guelph Public Library in December 2026.

Tickets are free! We encourage everyone to spend time in nature at Yorklands!

📄 Tickets: <https://yorklandsyouthpleinair.eventbrite.ca>

Arboretum Expo

Tree Day & Plant Sale

Event Features:

- Nature Hikes & Guided Tours
- Demonstrations
- Workshops
- Family-Friendly Activities
- Live Music
- Food Trucks
- Community Booths & UofG Campus Groups

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DATE

2026

Saturday, Sept. 12,
10 AM – 3 PM

Sponsorship Opportunities Available.

✉ Email dawnann@uoguelph.ca for more information.



Join us to support The Arboretum's mission to conserve biodiversity and connect people to nature through research, teaching, and community outreach.



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



Open Volunteering Postions

We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join our finance committee and to join our board!

As a finance committee member, you will:

- Meet quarterly or monthly depending on needs of the organization
- Review and assess financial statements, reports, budgets and funding needs
- Work on financial policy development

Who we're looking for:

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

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/>.

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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



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Know someone who'd love Yorklands?

Share this newsletter with someone who would enjoy updates on nature, conservation, community events, and more!



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 Liana De Francesco 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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