

NATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK AT MUN BOTANICAL GARDEN

May 2 - 8, 2004

Come to MUN Botanical Garden and celebrate composting!
There will be free admission all week!

- View **MMSB** (Multi-Materials Stewardship Board) and Botanical Garden compost displays and collect lots of free composting information in our field centre.
- Visit our compost demonstration garden, located between the Agnes Ayre gazebo and the Friends wildlife garden.
- Take a close look at our indoor worm bin (vermicomposter).
- Drop by the Garden between 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. to attend one of the following free lunch time compost information demonstrations. Registration is not required for these demonstrations.
 - Monday, May 3 - *Vermicomposting* (Worm Composting), by Anne Madden, Education Coordinator and Bill Glynn of Troutner's Special Worm Farm
 - Tuesday, May 4 - *Divide and Multiply your Perennials*, by Carl White, Head Gardener
 - Wednesday, May 5 - *Making Compost*, by Ken Proudfoot, Friend of the Garden
 - Thursday, May 6 - *Soils* by Dr. Wilf Nicholls, Garden Director
 - Friday, May 7 - *Building a Compost Bin*, by Tim Walsh, Nursery Manager
- Bring the family along to a special Sunday Family Day on May 2nd celebrating composting. In addition to exhibits and information, there will be children's compost crafts and activities. Even our garden tours and nature hikes will have a compost theme.
 - Sunday Morning Nature Hike - 10 a.m.
 - Story Time / Art & Crafts - 11 a.m.
 - Dining With Ducks - 12 noon
 - Garden Tour - 1 p.m.
 - Puppet Show / Story Time - 2 p.m.
 - Nature Hike to Oxen Pond/Duck Feeding - 3 p.m.
- Register for Wilf Nicholls' *Soils Workshop* to be held on Saturday, May 8th. **Compost Workshop: The Answer Lies In The Soil** will be held on Saturday, May 8th, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$25 + HST for members of the Friends of the Garden and \$30 +HST for the general public. Good gardens start with good soil and soil management; and, getting a good soil in an Avalon garden is not without its challenges. Sign up for this course and learn about soil, composts and fertilizers in preparation for the growing season ahead. Wilf Nicholls, Garden Director, will explain

how MUN Botanical Garden maintains its highly productive perennial beds, vegetable beds and alpine gardens through appropriate soil practices. You'll learn the ins and outs of fertilizing beds, boxes and baskets; and we'll compare organic to chemical soil additives. Spend a morning getting soiled! Maximum enrollment: 20 people

MUN Botanical Garden is open daily

May 1 to September 30: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

October 1 to November 30: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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