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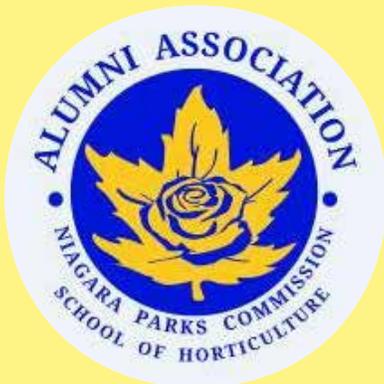
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## Coming Events

### Alumni Association Conference and AGM

September 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>



## The Importance of the Landscape Profession



### Alumni Association Working to Promote Horticultural Careers

Many industry professionals, Alumni, educators, and horticulture students attended the Landscape Ontario Congress Student Day Seminar presented by the Alumni Association, the Niagara Parks Commission, and the Horticulture Educators Association. Above (clockwise from top left): Featured speaker, Dr. Karen Morrison, Tony DiGiovanni, Executive Director of Landscape Ontario, Art Coles '71, President of the Alumni Association, and the Young Women in Horticulture panel (left to right) Carolyn Dares, Rachel Hutchinson, Riley Irwin, and Kelly Keetes. Photos by Anne Van Nest '83.

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## Alumni Association Mission Statement

*The Alumni Association is a diverse team of graduates and friends who celebrate their affiliation with the Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture through a variety of programs and services designed to support its members, the School and the highest professional standards of horticulture.*

## From the President

By Art Coles '71



Dear Fellow Alumni,

As we have just ended another amazing year and are starting a new one, I thought I would bring everyone up to date with what we have accomplished and where the Alumni Association is headed in 2018.

### Looking Back

In the Fall of 2016, a group composed of Past Presidents and concerned Alumni, met to discuss two serious concerns – the apparent decrease in Association memberships as well as the lack of student applications to the School of Horticulture.

Present at this meeting were three people with important previous responsibilities for the operation of the School of Horticulture: Debbie Whitehouse, Tom Laviolette '81, and Liz Klose. In addition, Al Higgs '67, Tom Clancy '61, Rick Hook '64, Karen Michaud '84, Mike Milloy '81, John Howard '75, Jay Kivell '70, David Hunt '03, Bob Murch '77, Mary Battaglia '91 and myself were in attendance.

During the meeting Rick Hook volunteered to develop a discussion paper, entitled "A Time To Act" addressing our concerns that we could present to the Niagara Parks Commission. After a couple of reiterations we were ready to present the paper to the Niagara Parks Commission. Concurrently the Alumni Board, with

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**Tell us what's on your mind!**

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## The Importance of the Landscape Industry

By Anne Van Nest '83

Kicking off the two-hour career information session for high school and post-secondary school horticulture students was Michael Pascoe NPD '87, Chair of the HEA (Horticulture Educators Association). Michael was back in Ontario temporarily while being on sabbatical in Alberta. Michael, in his introduction of the profession, shared a favourite quote from Tony DiGiovanni, Landscape Ontario Executive Director, "We are in the business of creating beauty." Michael outlined the role of Landscape Ontario (LO) in the industry and mentioned that LO had given out 20 scholarships in 2017 totaling \$50,000. He encouraged students to participate in the "Landscape Olympics" run by Skills Canada. About 200 people in total attended the morning and afternoon sessions.

Andy Paluch, Program Director of Come Alive Outside was next to the podium and shared a serious concern of society where children now spend ½ as much time outside as they did in the 1980s. He said some children now spend up to 8 hours looking at their screens each day. Children now are less active which affects their physical and mental health.

Andy also discussed losing our connection with nature and the ability to be completely engaged with nature. Come Alive Outside is a program in Canada and the United States. In Ontario it has partnered with Landscape Ontario and industry companies.

In 2017 Come Alive Outside participated in the Green Street Challenge where they created a park in an urban environment for a day. After the event the turf was donated to community organizations such as Habitat for Humanity for a permanent installation. In 2017 10 Green Streets were created in prominent streets in communities across Canada. Andy asked for volunteers to help with the Green Street Challenges in Ontario.

Come Alive Outside also ran a Design Challenge for post-secondary landscape design students. Students are asked to design nature back into their schools in a real world project. Niagara Parks School of Horticulture students participated last year with students from the University of Guelph in a design completion to create a new natural schoolyard for P. L. Robertson School in Milton, Ontario. The design had



*Above: Liz Klose moderates the Young Women in Horticulture panel. Above Right: Michael Pascoe '87, Chair of the Horticulture Educators Association introduces the career session.*

*Below: Niagara Parks School of Horticulture students from the Class of 2020, Lissa Schoot Uiterkamp (left) and Destiny Lacasse-Marcoux (middle), with Alumni Association Executive Director Karen Michaud '84. Photos by Anne Van Nest '83*



to encourage interaction with the space using all 5 senses, integrates creative input from the students and teachers who will use it, create habitat for native wildlife, effectively manage and utilize rainwater contain an initial phase that could be built on a budget of \$45,000. Andy announced that the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture student design was the one that will be built.

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Visit the website at <https://comealiveoutside.com> Andy Paluch can be reached at [andy@comealiveoutside.com](mailto:andy@comealiveoutside.com)

## Young Horticulturist Panel

Liz Klose, Alumni Association Honorary Member moderated this panel made up of four young female horticulturists: Carolyn Dares, Arborist/Horticulturist, National Recruiter, Davey Tree; Rachel Hutchinson, Arborist, Owner, The Secret Gardener; Riley Irwin, Horticulture Technician, Purchasing Agent, Baseline Nurseries; and Kelly Keetes, Landscape Designer, Ginkgo Design.

Liz gave an overview of the profession by reminding us that North America's #1 leisure time activity involves gardening, landscaping and horticulture. She also said that 50% of horticulture professionals are expected to retire in 5 years and the industry is expected to double by 2021. So the future is bright for the four young panelists (and youth entering our industry). Liz Klose shared a favourite quote from Bill Snowden '58, "Autograph your work with excellence – it is a function of who you are."

The four young panelists were asked in turn questions about their experiences: How/why did they get into horticulture? What challenges did they overcome to launch their career? What is the best advice anyone gave them? If they could change one thing in their past what is it? Where do they see themselves in 10-15 years? Why did they come here today? How did they decide which school to go to?

After the panel finished giving their experiences, Liz reflected on the panelists calling them trailblazers, complimenting them on their able to turn challenges into opportunities, that they never gave up, were devoted and determined, and reflected

that they are now ensconced in a happy, rewarding career.

Al Higgs '67 brought rolls of the newly reprinted "Plant a Native Garden" Alumni Association decal that were distributed at the School of Horticulture garden and at the Student Days seminar – to enthusiastic response.

Art Coles '71, Alumni Association President introduced Dr. Karen Morrison and her presentation on "The Health Benefits of Urban Trees" as well as outlining the function of the Alumni Association.

Karen Morrison started by saying her goal for the presentation was to empower the audience to feel comfortable discussing ecological issues as health issues. The landscape industry, trees and forests create health and should be supported! But the healthy aspects of nature are subjective and it is very hard to measure what makes us healthy – it is much easier to measure what makes us sick. Karen commented that just because you aren't sick doesn't mean you are healthy.

One positive issue benefit of being in the environment has been labeled the Attention Restoration Theory – where it was found that being in nature is less fatiguing for people than being in an urban environment. This is because nature causes "involuntary attention" that lets our brain relax. There is an interest among some doctors to prescribe nature to improve health in patients.

We also need to combat Nature Deficit Disorder and the Extinction of Experiences hypothesis. If kids don't grow up in forests, when they get older they don't care about wildlife. Living in a virtual world contributes to the extinction of experiences.

Trees produce shade which is important to protect children

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from the sun and skin cancer – a public health issue. The industry needs to start promoting the benefits of having trees. They combat climate change, absorb CO<sup>2</sup>, provide shade and reduce heating and cooling costs. They clean the air. They provide an ecosystem for wildlife. They help with community infrastructure – asphalt degrades less when shaded. They reduce noise, slow traffic speeds, slow wind speed and reduce solar glare. Trees provide socio-culture value through encouraging the arts, wellness, emotional benefits, and biophilia.

Karen Morrison challenged the audience to start talking about ecological integrity as a health issue for the sake of our current and future generations. Karen was excited to share information about EcoHealth Ontario, an organization that was started three years ago to collaborate and foster improved health and wellbeing through the provision of better ecosystem quality, increased green space, and enhanced access to nature.

## 2018 Horticulture Industry Speaker Series

### School of Horticulture

2:30 to 4:30 pm

January 15: Ian Bruce '72 on Urban Forestry

January 24: Denis Flanagan, Landscape Ontario with an Overview of the Industry

February 7: Selling Yourself to Advance your Career. A panel comprised of Tom Clancy '61, Bob Murch '77, Mary Battaglia '91 and Liz Klose and moderated by Al Higgs '67 will be discussing how students can put their best foot forward in a job interview.

February 22: Dr Michael Brownbridge, Research Director, from the Vineland Experimental Station will be talking about Horticultural production systems.

Sponsored by the Niagara Parks Commission and organized by the Alumni Association

Thanks to Al Higgs '67 for organizing the Speaker Series.

## It's Back!

After being out of print for many years ...

The Plant a Native Tree decal is now reprinted and ready for Alumni to distribute. Al Higgs '67 reports that there are 5,000 on hand— so let the promotional campaign begin!

A message that is as relevant today as it was decades ago when it was first launched, the Get Down to Earth decals were a very popular commodity at Landscape Ontario Congress.

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the groups input, decided to invite David Adames, the COO of the Niagara Parks Commission to speak about the Commissions' visions for the School at our AGM in February of 2017. Just prior to the AGM, Rick and I met with David Adames to brief him on what our concerns were and to discuss what we were looking for from the Niagara Parks Commission. Both meetings occurred, and I believe the outcomes were better than expected.

At the AGM I was asked to take on the role of President of the Alumni Association. The group of Past Presidents and concerned Alumni continued to meet, now quite frequently, as a combined group with the Alumni Association Board. To demonstrate our seriousness, we began to work on Alumni Association initiatives that we thought would make a difference both to the School and ultimately our Alumni.

Rick Hook took the initiative to start a mentorship/entrepreneurship program for the School and began to work with Jason Leavens (the current School of Horticulture Superintendent). We thought that this would set us apart from other College horticultural programs in the province. The mentorship program is now operating at the School and according to the students participating in it; it is great and very worthwhile. Thanks to all who are participating in it.

At the same time, Al Higgs began to work on a speaker series that we, the Alumni Association, could sponsor. Again, the focus was to do something that might set both our Alumni and the School apart from other similar institutions. The speaker series started on January 15th at the School and there are three more speaker sessions planned for January 25th, February 7th and February 22th.

The Niagara Parks Commission and Alumni Association also sponsored a speaker session for high school and post-secondary horticulture students during the Landscape Ontario Congress Student Day on Thursday, January 11th. It was well received and we now anticipate participating in a similar way in the LO Congress next year as well.

One of our most important initiatives was to forge a new relationship with the Niagara Parks Commission. We have jointly developed a "Terms of Reference" that creates an on-going relationship with the Commission. The intent of the Terms of Reference is that we jointly meet four times a year with a mutually agreed upon agenda with a goal of maintaining and improving upon the programs at the School of Horticulture. Ultimately the purpose is to ensure that the

School remains at the forefront of horticultural education in Canada (if not North America) and that adequate marketing occurs to ensure that there are more than enough applications annually to (more than) fill the student roster.

In addition to all of this, John Howard and Jay Kivell took on the challenge of rewriting and updating our Constitution. The new Constitution will be presented for approval at our next AGM in September. This presentation will also include a proposal to append the Terms of Reference to reflect our ongoing relationship with the NPC. The Terms of Reference may be amended from time-to-time as agreed upon by both parties and approved by our members.

I am very proud of all these initiatives. It has been an extremely busy year and you may be wondering if there are enough volunteers to carry on this work on an ongoing basis? The Board has the same concern. It is our hope that more Grads will join the challenge and offer to volunteer and participate in these initiatives over time.

## Looking Forward

The Board is also excited about our 2018 conference to be held at the School on September 21st and 22nd. Again this year, there will be a casual social event on the Friday evening. Everyone who has attended the Friday social during the past two years has said that we should continue to have this valuable get together. Our theme for the conference this year will focus on the "Health Benefits of our Industry". We are still refining the details, but I am sure that you will want to mark the dates on your calendar.

I invite you to forward any comments, concerns and/or suggestions that you may have about our Alumni and the School of Horticulture to me or any Board member. My email address is [colesa64@gmail.com](mailto:colesa64@gmail.com).

All the best for a successful, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

*Art Coles, NPD '71*



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## The School of Horticulture at Landscape Ontario Congress 2018



Congratulations to the School of Horticulture students involved and Technical Instructor Brett Booth, for an impressive Landscape Ontario Congress garden.



Key features of the 20 x 40 foot garden include a water feature, a vegetable garden, iron (like those in the parking lot) sculpture adorned with a floral display, and live butterflies in the conservatory.

Above (right): Dr. Kris Mahoney, IPM and Turf Instructor talks to a student. Photos by Anne Van Nest '83.



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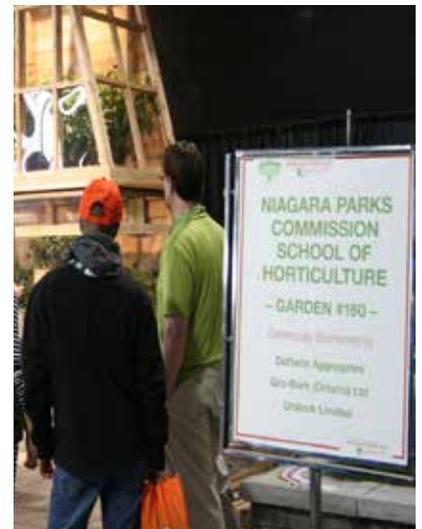
**March 9-18, 2018** Canada Blooms, Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto, Ontario [www.canadablooms.com](http://www.canadablooms.com)

**June 14-15, 2018** The Urban Forest of Tomorrow, University of Toronto Mississauga Campus, Mississauga, Ontario <http://ufis.ca/conferences-and-educational-events/>

**September 21-22, 2018** Alumni Association Educational Conference and Annual General Meeting, School of Horticulture, Niagara Falls, Ontario

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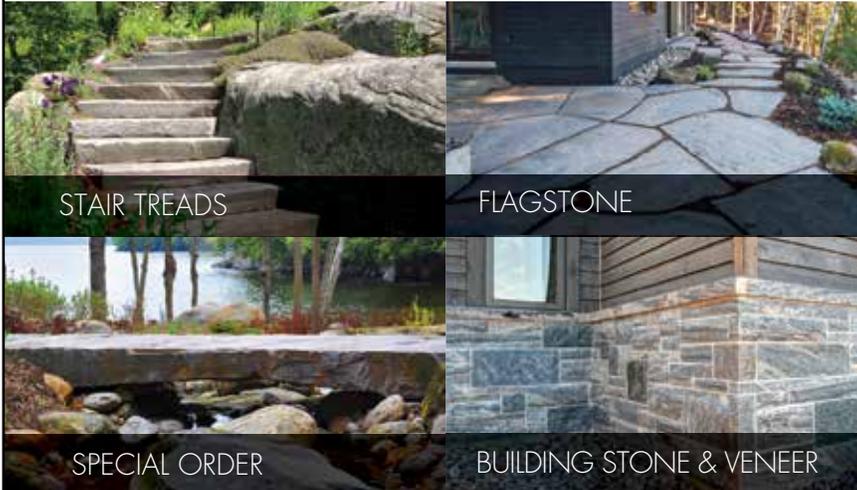
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## Riverview Hospital Arboretum

By Bill Browne '48

### Discovering a Horticultural Treasure

After retiring in 1993, I decided to grow trees from seeds and at the same time clean up two acres of land that my daughter owned in Maple Ridge, B.C. On one of my trips to find tree seeds I drove into the Riverview Hospital property in Coquitlam, B.C. thinking there may be some ornamental trees there. After driving down to the south end of the hospital grounds I was surprised to see many huge ornamental trees growing in such a beautiful, pristine setting. I asked a mower operator who I should talk to about the trees. He said that the head grounds maintenance supervisor was Bob Elsdon. Tracking him down, he welcomed me saying I was the first person to ask about the trees. We then became good friends. A day later the lady in charge of charity workers heard about me and asked Bob to introduce me to her as she was very interested in the future of the trees. A few days later a number of retired nurses heard about me and suddenly a society was formed called the Riverview Horticultural Centre Society (<http://www.rhcs.org/index.html>.)

We held meetings every week or so in the former nurses' school building which housed new nurses-in-training. This building had three teaching theatres, a large library and many offices.

When word got out about the society many people from the public were interested and joined us. We explored many ideas to promote our cause such as tree walks, speakers to public meetings, meeting with politicians, and collecting images for public meetings.

### About the Riverview Hospital

The Riverview Hospital was built for the mentally ill on about 1,000 acres (400 ha.) in the then-rural Coquitlam, B.C. Construction of the many hospital buildings started in the late 1800's. When construction was completed there were six or seven buildings in total, each more than seven stories high, housing 1,500 patients.

Up until the 1900's there were about 1,500 people – from doctors to labourers, and every trade and occupation you can imagine, working at Riverview. There was even a cemetery of several acres in size. They even had their own police force. Many more buildings were built for the different trades –

offices, a recreation center, housing for doctors and families, a church, etc. Ultimately, large portions of the people living in the area were employed at Riverview.

Sometime in the mid 1900's a group of people decided that those with mental health problems should not be housed in a hospital but that they should be scattered throughout the province to mix with the rest of the population. Many patients had been in the hospital since they were in their teens and this was difficult to understand. If those making this decision had taken the time to meet with the patients they would not have come to this cruel decision.

### Preserving Riverview

In the late 1990's two graduates from the School of Horticulture came west and looked me up, Kristine Kelly '93 and Shelagh Bannerman '94. Shelagh started a gardening business and Kristine became a very important person in our Riverview Society. The first time I took Kristine to Riverview she knew every tree – which says a lot about the School of Horticulture teaching.

Over the years, I traveled many miles to give talks about Riverview such as to garden clubs, politicians, schools, etc. With me each time would be the photographer who had taken a series of coloured slides and who would project them on the screen as I spoke. Also, Kristine gave a number of presentations on Riverview too.

Since 2015, Riverview has been managed by the B.C. Housing Department. Bob Elsdon told me the NDP government at that time were considering redeveloping Riverview into housing. Using the Freedom of Information Act we requested any plans for Riverview and a huge roll of plans were delivered to us. There was every type of housing you could imagine planned for the Riverview site plus schools, shopping centers, etc. I calculated there could be up to 25,000 people living there. By this time a new government was in charge and that project was temporarily stopped.

As far as tree walks were concerned we had walks every weekend from morning to late afternoon. It became a popular event and each weekend day there would be about 300 people on the walks. Our walking group was mostly ladies and they were very interested in what we were doing to save Riverview. Thank God for these ladies.

As the years went by, the government took notice of us and hired an arborist to catalogue all the trees in Riverview. I had never heard about him so I called and asked him if he would

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hire Kristine Kelly and he jumped at the chance. She did a great job and identified 1,800 trees. She cataloged every tree and helped produce a large document describing the trees and the qualities of each tree based on the evaluation system developed by the International Shade Tree Conference. Kristine would later be hired by Coquitlam Parks and is a now the Operations Manager for Parks and Open Spaces for the City of Coquitlam.

I am very proud of our group of volunteers that worked for years on this project. A few have passed away not knowing the great job they did and now it is obvious they have succeeded.

My grandson, Bill is a construction engineer with PCL and another engineer told him he would be constructing a new mental hospital at Riverview and did he know a William Browne? Bill knew of my activity at Riverview and said "that's my grandfather". The other engineer said that he had received direction from William Browne "not to damage any tree". I did not know if I had this kind of authority but regardless, that's great. Now I know Riverview will remain for posterity.

The fear now is with the provincial government. The hospital will remain but I hope they will recognize our ideas.

## Botany John

Dr. John Davidson, referred to as "Botany John", was originally from Scotland and was hired by the B. C. government in 1911 as the first Provincial Botanist. One of his first challenges was landscaping the new mental hospital in New Westminster, B. C. It was a small hospital and over the years it changed into a different type of use and was demolished in the late 1900s. The land was redeveloped into housing but the trees that Botany John planted remain there.

Later John would join the University of British Columbia and start the herbarium and botanical garden. He would retire as an associate professor of botany and arboriculture.

After a number of the buildings at Riverview Hospital were constructed, John was acquired to do the landscaping of the entire site. John asked his many botanist friends in Europe for new plants and they sent him thousands of ornamental trees that weren't known in B.C. – many of which survived and are still there today.

In those days male patients worked on the maintenance of the grounds, so many worked with John to plant the trees. They also constructed many gardens, hanging baskets, etc.

Old photos of Riverview showed it to be a beautiful site. Then the unions complained to the government that the patients weren't paid for their labour. The government caved in and put a stop to the practice, leaving the patients with no constructive use for their abilities. After this, while in the hospital their daily activity was to sit and drink coffee and smoke cigarettes.

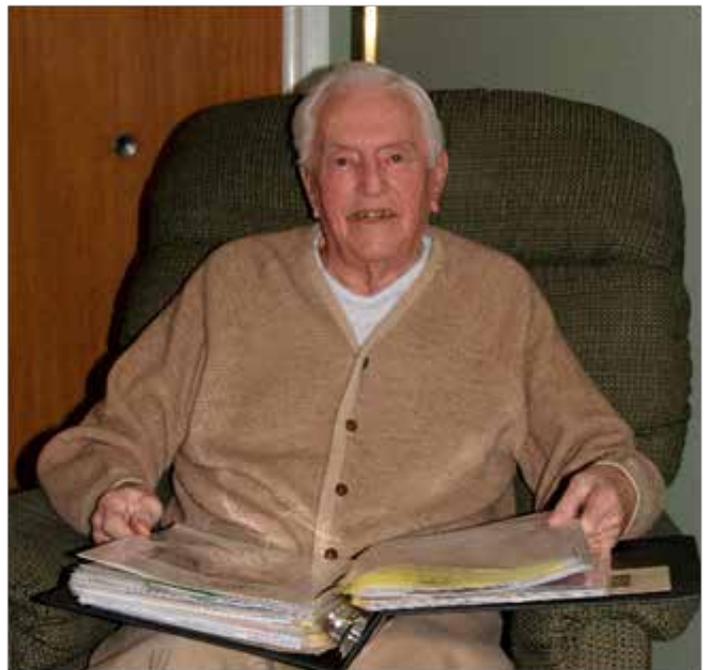
A grounds staff of five people was then hired to maintain the grounds. As a result of this reduction, the gardens then ceased to exist along with other landscaping features.

John used some of the trees to landscape the buildings and roadways but in the arboretum area the trees were planted as an educational display. It feels good to know that the work of several people was successful and continues after so many years.

The Riverview Arboretum is the oldest in western Canada.

*Bill Browne '48 reflects, "When I started at the Gardening School in 1945 there was only the rose garden and the herb garden. The rest was open fields and we worked like dogs making lawn areas and digging trees with frozen balls with a fantastic bunch of guys.*

*I will always thank the Niagara Parks Commission for putting me on the right path of life."*



*Above: Bill Browne '48 reviewing his personal archives collected during 25 years of promoting and preserving the trees growing at the Riverview Hospital. Photo by Bill Browne '48.*

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## Alf Savage '52 and Buffalo's Parks

By Tom Clancy '61

What do an Olmsted Parks System and Alf Savage '52 have in common? Well, the famous Landscape Architect Frederick Law Olmsted, who designed many parks in New York City, Boston, and Chicago, also planned the development of the main parks and pathway systems in Buffalo. The Buffalo greenspace plan, done between 1868 and 1869, was one of the first urban park systems in North America. The two key park areas that Olmsted designed are listed in the National Registry of Historic Places.

The park system is now maintained by the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy. The city of Buffalo is proud of this and indicates this information on their entrance signs. Downtown Buffalo has really been turning around rapidly recently. The waterfront trail now goes from Lackawanna to Tonawanda all along the river. The old buildings were razed and in place now are a really well-designed Military Park, Canalside (at the beginning of the Erie Canal), and some excellent venues for entertainment and touristic things to do.

I remember when Alf Savage hosted Fred Graham, Neil Campbell, and me in the mid-90s. He outlined the ideas he had for clearing all the old vacant warehouses and buildings that were no longer used and wanted to construct marinas, parks, and a trail along the Buffalo River. He laughed and said they thought he was really intelligent coming up with those ideas. As a former parks man, he had seen this many times. The marina sold out before the construction was finished so they constructed a second one. Alf got additional donations and constructed several well-designed tributes to the six main wars the U.S. had been involved in. This would become the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park which is located in the Canalside district. The names of all Western New York's fallen soldiers are on display and every Saturday before Memorial Day a ceremony is held to honour those who have served and are serving in the armed services. At present have a submarine, the USS Croaker and a WWII guided missile cruiser, the USS Little Rock for visitors to see.

Another interesting Buffalo site is the Seymour H. Knox III Plaza which is an open space/park area on the waterfront beside the brand new Harbor Center and KeyBank Arena – which hosts the Sabres. Obviously Alf had a hand in securing those donations as he often sat in their box at Sabres games. Alf was the head of NFTA, the Niagara Frontier

Transportation Authority and connected the transportation systems through Erie and Niagara counties, including connecting Niagara Falls, Kenmore, and the Airport in addition to operating the Metro light rail routes throughout Buffalo.

Alf had come to Buffalo from the Toronto Transit Commission, after saying “No” to Buffalo three times – until the offer was one he couldn't refuse. After three years in Buffalo he then went to Chicago as the head of their travel systems prior to retiring to the mountains in Alberta. He was our keynote speaker at the 75th Anniversary Celebrations of the Ontario Parks Association and the NPC School of Horticulture in 2011.

It was rewarding to see Alf's foresight result in such a well designed and delightful park space in Buffalo's Canalside. Alf was an outstanding leader and this was another good example. [Alf Savage passed away January 24th, 2015.]

Frederick Law Olmsted, some believe, also has claims to have influence on the plans for the design of the City of Kitchener's Victoria Park as well as for Waterloo Park and Soper Park in Cambridge through a “Landscape Engineer” who had worked with Olmsted for many years.

*This article has been adapted by the author from the Winter 2017 issue of The Green Sward.*



*Left (top): A view of Seymour H. Knox III Plaza with the KeyBank and Harbor Center in the background.*



*Bottom: The Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park featuring the USS The Sullivans, A WWII Fletcher Class ship. Photos by Tom Clancy '61.*

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