

The Team

Authors and Photographers



Nina Katalin Barabas is a member on MGC's Board of Directors. Nina has been fascinated with plants ever since walking the hillsides in her native Romania. She obtained her Ph.D. in Plant Biology from the University of Szeged, Hungary, and later received the Herbalist Diploma from the Natural Health Institute, California, USA. Currently she lives in Mississauga with her husband Virgis, where she teaches people about the wonderful world of plants through presentations, workshops and nature walks.



Eva Sabrina Bruni has always been curious about the things around her, especially nature. She received a B.Sc. in Biology from Queen's University and conducted plant molecular research there for two years. She then moved to the outdoors through her summer job at the Mississauga Garden Council, where she worked on stewardship activities and outdoor education. Currently she is teaching high school science and striving to motivate her students to be curious about the world.

Photographers



Gail Krantzberg completed her Ph.D. studying contaminant cycling and ecological effects at the University of Toronto. She worked for the Ontario Ministry of Environment, was Director of the Great Lakes Regional Office, International Joint Commission, and is currently a professor at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, and Director for the Centre for Engineering and Public Policy. Gail is a frequent speaker to the media, the scientific community and the public, and hates going anywhere without her camera.



Avila De Sousa worked with the Mississauga Garden Council as Nature Education/Stewardship Summer Assistant in 2005, the perfect job for someone who appreciates the beauty of the natural world as much as she does. Avila loves hiking and other outdoor activities and plans on a career in environmental protection and/ or remediation. She is currently completing her B.Sc. in Honours Chemistry at the University of Guelph and will soon begin her M.Sc. in Environmental Science.



Dave Taylor is responsible for the education programs offered at Riverwood. He brings to this position 31 years as a Peel teacher and his skills as a writer, photographer and naturalist. Dave is the author of over 70 books on wildlife and ecology and was a teacher at the Britannia School Farm. He recently guided a fund raising safari to Tanzania and Kenya for the Riverwood Campaign. Dave has traveled the world photographing wildlife and his support material for the education program reflects this interest.



Erika Tóth captured in photographs some of the wildflowers of Riverwood during her visit to Canada in 2005. At present she lives in her native Hungary, working as a public health officer. She has been a member of the Hungarian Bird Association for 20 years. Environmental protection is an important aspect of her life. Ever since she was a little girl, she has loved nature - its peace, tranquility and perfection.

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Production



Maria Reyes, Production Coordinator. Maria is an erstwhile editor of scholarly publications who decided one day that she wanted to be a florist. Following that, she joined the volunteer force of the MGC to fulfill a primal need to get dirt under her fingers. Subsequently, she got a manicure and thought a job in the financial district of downtown T.O. may not be so bad. Currently, she spends most of her free time knitting and contemplating raising sheep for their wool.



Janette Thompson, Design & Composition. Janette is a graphic designer who has had her own business (Jansom) since 1992. Most recently she specializes in the composition of educational and medical books. The Wildflowers of Riverwood field guide returned her attention to her design roots and she was pleased to have the opportunity to use those skills to work on this exciting project.



Judi Parker, Editorial Assistant. As Judi grew up in the countryside of the Midwestern US, nature was so much a part of life that she didn't know how much it meant to her until she moved to the city! Now she is happiest when wandering in any wild or natural place with a field guide, binoculars and her camera while observing wildflowers, birds, butterflies or whatever wildlife she can find.



Janice Logan, Indexer. Janice is an editor and indexer. Her interest in wildflowers began when she first saw the tiny, perfect alpine flowers of the Yukon. She has been enjoying wildflowers at all elevations ever since.



Valéria Guresu-Pungier, Consultant for French Names. Valéria is passionate about nature and literature. Her love of plants was inspired by the maternal grandmother, who used the rich Romanian pharmacopoeia to alleviate different conditions. Valéria brought her love of nature along when she moved from her motherland to France. A couple of years ago, she left a busy Parisian, urban lifestyle for a small village in Normandy where she devotes a large part of her time to the outdoors. Literature unites so wonderfully the two natures close to her heart: human nature and the one hosting it! That's why she writes novels and poetry, where these two natures merge.

*Wildflowers of Riverwood - a project by the community
for the community.*