



Garden of Life Wows Community: Organ donation issue near and dear to us all

Saturday, September 10th marked the official opening of the Garden of Life almost a year to the day after former Mayor John Rodriguez & Councillor Russ Thompson broke ground for its creation at the Capreol's Northern Ontario Railway Museum and Heritage Centre. Thompson, an organ recipient himself, got work underway last year with a generous donation. Since then, many local companies, individuals, the Trillium Gift of Life Network & the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum have made it a reality. Countless volunteer hours made the garden of the senses come alive. The space highlights the five senses and encompasses a six foot waterfall which falls gently into a large pond surrounded by plants all nestled within a natural fieldstone patio with stone benches for contemplation. The sense of hearing is the waterfall; the sense of smell the fragrant plants; the sense of touch is the texture of leaves, stones and rocks; and the sense of taste will be herbs. The entire area is protected by a new wrought iron perimeter fence. Plants, bushes & trees can still be adopted in the memory of a loved one or a general donation can be directed to the garden as well. Tax receipts can be issued for any of these. Contact the museum at 705-858-5050.

Eila Becker, member of the Irish Heritage Club, brought home the message of the serious shortage of transplants with her moving account of the loss of her husband. Sue Diotte, mother of a teenage

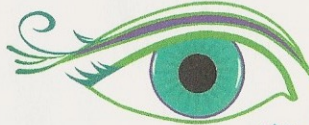
daughter whose life was lost in a car accident 10 years ago, deeply moved all of us with her gut wrenching story. But because, at the age of 14, she & her two daughters had discussed organ donation, the story had a happier than normal ending. Her daughter was able to give life to four other people & be forever a hero in these recipients' lives. John Rodriguez introduced ribbon cutters Pam Amler from the Gift of Life Network & Russ Thompson to the 75 people in attendance. A tour of the grounds & reception followed.

The museum would like to thank all of the volunteers who have dedicated countless hours towards the completion of this project as well as the Sudbury Horticultural Society and Linda and Wayne Hugli for their invaluable advice on plant selection as well as the donation of a tree. The Trillium Gift of Life Network has made a considerable donation towards the project, Hollandia has donated lock stone for the pathways and the Sudbury Irish Heritage Club has been most supportive.

Did you know that one donor could save the lives of up to eight people? So please flip over that health card or drivers licence & check for that all important word "DONOR", which should appear above your signature. If it doesn't, visit your local Service Ontario location (Val Caron) or go online to www.beadonor.ca to register. We can all be heroes!

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Leo Gerard Workers Memorial Park in Val Caron officially dedicated on Labour Day: "A place for reflection"



The Leo Gerard Workers' Memorial Park, located next to the City of Lakes Family Health Team office on Main St. in Val Caron, was officially dedicated and opened on Labour Day. The park commemorates workers killed on the job in the Sudbury region's history.

The idea for the park originated with Councillor Ron Dupuis, a former Inco miner and USW health and safety representative. Dupuis said the park honours all workers killed on duty - men and women, union and non union, and that he had been looking to create a workers' memorial park for almost two years. The councillor's hope was to create a space where people can "sit and reflect and look at the names so these people are not forgotten." He said he teamed up with people who were looking to honour Gerard in some way, recognizing the fact the former Inco employee is international president of United Steelworkers. Leo Gerard attended the park's dedication ceremony, and was said to be "overwhelmed" at the honour.

The park is located on what was a vacant piece of property owned by the City of Greater Sudbury. Dupuis said he approached city staff and council colleagues, whom he said were supportive of the idea. The park has been created with about \$50,000 from Dupuis' Community Improvement Projects Fund, an envelope of money each municipal councillor can draw from for projects in their wards. Dupuis said he is expecting more donations will be made toward the cost of the project. Xstrata Nickel donated the eight-ton piece of ore onto which a plaque bearing Gerard's name is mounted. Other organizations have also donated. Dupuis said he has only been able to confirm the names and dates of death of about half the workers believed to have been killed on the job in Sudbury. He is looking to the Ministry of Labour and others to fill in the blanks. Anyone with information about workers killed on duty whose names are not included within the display case in the park are asked to e-mail Councillor Dupuis at: ron.dupuis@greatersudbury.ca. The

display case currently lists 139 names, from the city's only firefighter to have died in the line of duty, in 1920, to the names of former Valley East residents Jordan Fram, 26, and Jason Chenier, 35, who were killed at Stobie Mine on June 8th of this year, while plans for the park were being made.

John Closs is president of the Sudbury and District Labour Council, which traditionally stages a parade on Labour Day. This year, council members attended the dedication of the Val Caron Park. "This is an opportunity to do something different, and mark Labour Day in a different way", said Closs. Representatives from the city's fire and police services, and others spoke at the dedication. Roman Catholic auxiliary bishop Noel Simard and Rev. Jason Pripp from Valleyview Community Church offered blessings. The park opened at 11 am, and a barbecue and social followed the speeches.